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SCHOOL NOTES

We have missed very much the presence of the Headmaster, Mr. E. R. Clarke, during the Spring Term and part of the Summer Term. We hope that he has now fully recovered from his indisposition and that before the magazine is in circulation he will be with us once more.

In December, 1950, Mr. E. Morgan (Junior) left us to take up a post at Farnborough. Mr. M. H. Murchie, B.A., has been appointed in his stead. Mr. Murchie's main subject is Mathematics.

Mr. Ray Budde, from East Lansing, Michigan, U.S.A., joined the staff in September, 1950, in exchange for Mr. A. D. Purvis, who proceeded to East Lansing. Mr. Budde has made a real contribution to the life and work of the school and we trust that he has derived some benefit and pleasure from his stay with us. We wish him well and assure him that he will be long remembered.

Monsieur Jean Aubel joined us in September, 1950. He will be with us for one year as French Assistant. Although his chief duty is to take small groups of boys in French conversation, M. Aubel has very kindly stepped into the breach caused by the unfortunate absence, through illness, of Mr. V. H. Taylor. We hope that M. Aubel has enjoyed his stay with us.

The academic standard of the school remains at a high level. It is pleasing to record that eight of last year's Upper Sixth are now launched on University careers.

D. T. Anderson—King's College, London.
D. Bargent—Imperial College, London.
J. R. Barnard—Imperial College, London.
D. J. Brecknell, Keble College, Oxford.
J. F. Davis—Keble College, Oxford.
I. Ferguson—University of Reading.
J. D. Newson—University College, Southampton.
C. M. Scott—University of Bristol.

Congratulations to R. C. Miles, who will enter Reading University in October after completing his National Service.

The Easter visit to the Lake District and the Summer Travel Week in July have now become annual events. The Lakelanders, led this year by Mr. Portus and Mr. Mills, enjoyed their visit despite the wintry conditions they encountered.

Thanks are due to all members of the staff who helped to organise Travel Week and to all who conducted parties.

Congratulations to the School Dramatic Society, to Mr. Cave, and all concerned in the successful production of George Bernard Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple."

On March 13th, members of Upper and Lower Sixth Arts groups greatly enjoyed a performance of Musset's "Il ne faut jurer de rien," given by the Dramatic Circle of the Institut Français in the School Hall, Eton College. This second invitation to such performances is deeply appreciated.

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The Male Voice Choir made their first public appearance in the competitions for the Music Festival. They attempted the difficult set piece "Music when soft voices die," and they are to be congratulated on scoring only one point fewer than the winning choir.

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Two new societies have come into being this year, the Music Society and the Scientific Society. They are already flourishing and we wish them every success.

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We welcome very warmly the seven French boys from the Lycée at Troyes who have joined us for the Summer Term. We hope that their stay with us will be a happy one and that they will take back with them many treasured memories of their stay in England.

Our sincere thanks to the French families in Troyes who were so kind to our boys during the Spring Term.

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Summer Terms ends—26th July.

Autumn Term begins—11th September.

HAIL—

P. J. Adaway, J. E. Alder, G. F. Allinson, R. Aria, D. G. Arthur, J. R. Bellinger, A. F. Berry, R. Bester, P. Blay, R. Bowers, A. N. Buckland, K. Butler, D. Burton, P. G. Burgess, I. M. Campbell, A. A. Clements, J. E. Clarke, B. W. Chase, R. Colgate, L. F. Cooley, M. Cousins, B. Cross, D. Cullimore, B. R. Dearlove, M. Deuchar, C. Doolan, M. G. Dovey, T. Driver, A. D. Edmunds, K. Elstone, H. R. C. Henry, J. M. Evans, J. Fellows, M. Firth, M. Flynn, R. Francis, A. Fricker, J. W. Gibson, J. Glanville, A. Godfrey, J. J. Gower, R. Grier, G. Hamilton, K. M. Hamilton, E. D. Harmon, A. J. Hennessey, L. Hitchman, D. Howells, G. Hull, S. Hyde, P. Jones, B. Larmon, P. Lawrence, H. J. Lewin, B. J. Long, C. Martin, E. G. Matthews, A. Memmott, R. G. Miles, D. Millard, G. Morgan, J. Naylor, C. Newby, N. O'Brien, P. O'Keeffe, O. O'Mahoney, A. Ortan, M. Pearce, B. L. Pitcher, P. Rawes, M. Rayner, G. Rechten, D. Ress, D. E. Reeves, R. Reid, A. Richmond, P. Rolfe, A. Rowe, J. Scott-Kiddie, K. Seagrove, J. Simpson, J. Siney, J. J. Smith, M. Spelman, D. Spooner, J. R. Sumner, C. Symons, I. G. Simmonds, J. Tilbury, B. Tinmouth, D. E. Tunbridge, R. Vaughan, A. F. Webb, A. West, P. C. Wheeler, G. Wickham, J. Willis, R. Wilson, D. Windle, M. E. Wingrove, I. Wright, A. Young, E. Manteuffel, D. J. Austin, D. A. Pritchard, W. P. Tomalin, B. Tinmouth, B. K. Thorn, D. Bell, B. Dunkerley, P. Mayer, C. Benton, J. Godley, J. H. Ward, J. G. Howarth, E. G. Matthews, I. G. Simmons.

& FAREWELL

D. Admans—Royal Navy.
D. T. Anderson—London University.
J. Barnard—London University.
D. J. Brecknell—Oxford University.
C. Cornish—R.A.F.
J. F. Davis—Oxford University.
I. A. Ferguson—Reading University.
J. F. Keeble—Glaxo Laboratories Ltd.
J. W. Keeping—Glaxo Laboratories Ltd.
A. Mabbott—R.A.F.
J. D. Newson—Southampton University.
G. W. Pottow—Civil Service.

C. M. Scott—Bristol University.
A. Spouse—Army.
D. Severn—Northern Polytechnic.
R. A. A. Smith—Australia.
A. Akenhead.
J. Bowman—Draughtsman.
J. Cane, J. A. Dugan, B. Cheeseman, A. Davies, G. Gaskell, G. Goss.
R. G. Hannay—Motor Engineering.
J. Harrington, R. Johnson, P. Lowen, R. A. Sellar, D. Walker.
R. Oliver—Rheostatic Ltd.
R. Rockett—Rheostatic Ltd.
A. P. Soar—Shipping Agency.
A. Watts—Chas. Luff & Co.
T. Woods—Rheostatic Ltd.
A. S. Bedwell, P. H. Bampton, C. D. Gibbon, G. J. Jones, R. McKay.
D. A. Neal—Glaxo Laboratories Ltd.
A. J. Parker, Royal Navy.
D. Perkins, F. J. Newell, G. W. Plowman, H. J. Sole.
D. J. Russell, Road Research.
J. W. Tyler, Chas. Luff & Co.
F. Hennessey—Civil Service.
S. A. Reddy—British Road Services.
T. R. Young—Army.
R. Barltrop—R.A.F.
J. Clarke—Road Research.
A. Hale—British Technical Cork.
P. Holmes—London Transport Works.
J. A. M. Padley-Smith, Northern Polytechnic.
N. Ratcliffe—Laboratory Assistant.
J. Thorniley, T. Evans, R. Fitt, J. Green.
A. Tyler—Bournemouth Grammar School.
R. Dance—Rheostatic Ltd.
W. Hayes—British Technical Cork Ltd.
J. C. Scrivens—Royal Navy.
B. J. Barnett—Left District.
J. Puttock—E.M.I. Laboratories.
P. Tandy—Agricultural Institute.
J. Read—Industrial Chemistry.
— Allinson—Moved to Plymouth.
D. Bargent—London University.
J. Anderson—Golf Professional's Assistant.
E. Deans, G. Mounteney, N. West, D. Parker, D. Everett, V. Crannigan,
J. Armstrong.
P. Morris—A. M. Archer & Co.
R. Ford, C. Coulson, J. Waggott, W. Oatley.
J. Bird—Commercial Art.
J. Wilson, J. Rainer, W. M. Holmes.
B. Anscombe—R.A.F.
E. Burge—High Duty Alloys.
J. A. Pantony—I.C.I. Ltd.
J. Gower—Left District.
C. Marler—N. & L. Engineering Ltd.
A. L. Fuller, D. Marriner, M. Doyle.
A. Godfrey—Left District.
J. G. Howarth—R.A.F.
P. Manteuffel—Returned to Germany.
P. Meyer—Moved to London.
G. Hunt—Engineering Apprentice.
M. Haisman—Engineering Apprentice.

SPEECH DAY, 1950

Speech Day took place at the Central Hall on Wednesday, December 6th, 1950. Alderman Aubrey E. Ward, Chairman of the Governors, presided and the guests of honour were the Mayor of Slough, Alderman P. Lightfoot, and Miss J. M. Crawford, Headmistress of the Girls' High School, who presented the awards and addressed the boys and their parents and friends.

After the Chairman had introduced the principal guests, the Headmaster presented his report on the year's work.

Mr. Clarke began by referring to numbers. Last September the number on roll had reached its highest peak, i.e., 530, an embarrassing number from the point of view of accommodation, but gratifying in that the additional numbers are to be found at the top of the school, in the Lower and Upper Sixth Forms, which together now number fifty-five boys, all of whom are remaining at school in order to attempt to qualify for entrance to the Universities.

Mr. Clarke then spoke of the reconstruction of the Rest Centre huts, as a result of which three extra classrooms would be provided and the strain on accommodation eased.

Examination results had been, as usual, well above the average for the country, no less than 88% of the entrants gaining School Certificate, while the average number of credits was 4.7. One boy—John Killip—attained Distinction marks in each of the nine subjects taken, the most brilliant result in the school's history. In the Higher School Certificate examination, four boys gained the high mark of Distinction in various subjects. One gained an Open Scholarship to University College, Southampton, and two others County Major Scholarships.

Mr. Clarke referred also to the appointment of Mr. T. Anderson as Senior Assistant Master in place of Mr. B. Llewellyn, whose retirement was recorded in last year's magazine, and to other staff changes. He gave a particular welcome to M. Aubel, a French master attached to the staff for the present school year, and to Mr. Ray Budde, of East Lansing, Michigan, U.S.A., whither Mr. A. D. Purvis has gone in exchange for the same period.

After the presentation of the awards, Miss Crawford congratulated the school on the excellent results achieved, particularly the Higher School Certificate results, and spoke of the importance of leadership and loyalty in a troubled world. The schools should be able to send out men and women capable of leading and capable of choosing people who could lead.

AWARDS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1950.

Form	Prize	Certificates
IIC.	Parsons, B. A.	Ross, J. F. Schumann, B.
IIB.	Morgan, J. E.	Little, J. R. G. King, G. A. D.
IIA.	Ball, K. F.	Billington, B. J. Bradshaw, M. F.
IIIC.	Davenport, J.	Osborne, J. E. Barrett, T. T.
IIIB.	Thurgood, M. C.	Turner, J. C. Tulip, A.
IIIA.	Glanville, L. G.	Burden, P. Reid, C. R. J.
IVC.	Nickless, B. J.	Hines, J. Smith, P. J.
IVB.	Burnett, D. N.	Witchell, G. Birnage, W.
IVA.	Ackrell, B. A.	Goldfine, L. J. Gittens, G. J.
L. VC.	Walden, M. A.	Morris, P. W. Phillips, A. E.
L. VB.	Colpitts, B.	Brecknell, G. W. J. Page, D. K.
L. VA.	White, D. J.	Johnson, M. R. Climer, B. J.

Upper Fifth Forms.

Oxford School Certificate Awards.

PRIZES. For Credit Standard or Higher in each of the nine subjects taken, and Matriculation Exemption.

Killip, J. D. (reached Distinction standard in all nine subjects). Paesler, M. R. A. Paesler, H. K. R., Wells, D. E., Willé, R. W., Bedwell, A. S., Perkins, D.

CERTIFICATES. Matriculation Exemption Standard.

Amos, V. E., Clarke, J. F. C., Leech, P. C., Manteuffel, H. P., Mathias, B., Pearson, B. C., Ratcliffe, N. T., Reader, D. M., Taylor, T. G., Turnbull, G., Vandepeer, H. J., Warwick, B. J., Neal, D. A., Newell, F. J., Plowman, G. W., Young, T. R., Bateman, G. W., Woods, B. T. G.

CERTIFICATES. Pass Standard.

Bartrop, R. W., Creighton, W. S., Greenslade, D. C., Hale, A., Holmes, P., Padley-Smith, J. A. M., Peters, R. J., Rainer, J. A., Ray, J. W., Robotham, R. G., Thorniley, J. D., Armstrong, J. P., Crannigan, V. P. A., Gibbon, C. D., McKay, R., Murfitt, G. R., Pantony, J. A., Parker, D. J., Puttock, J., Read, J. B., Russell, D. J., Tandy, P. M., Hennessey, F., Akenhead, A. H., Bowman, J. D., Gaskell, G. G., Goss, G. E. J., Oliver, R. W., Rockett, R. C., Soar, A. P., Walker, D. W., Watts, A. O., Hamblen, W. F. D.

Upper Sixth Form.

Oxford Higher School Certificate.

PRIZES

Newson, J. D., (Distinction in Chemistry; Good in Physics). Awarded Open Scholarship to University College, Southampton.

Prize presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.

Keeping, J. (Distinction in Biology; Pass in Chemistry and Geography).

Prize presented by H. F. Allen, Esq.

Barnard, J. R. (Distinction in Physics).

Prize presented by the Headmaster.

Davis, J. F. (Distinction in French and Subsidiary Spanish).

Prize presented by the Governors.

CERTIFICATES.

(Subjects passed at Principal Standard stated in brackets).

Admans, D. (Latin, French, English).

Anderson, D. T. (Physics, Chemistry).

Bargent, D. W. (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry).

Brecknell, D. W. J. (Latin, French, English, Geography).

Cornish, E. (French, English, History, Geography).

Ford, J. B. (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Chemistry, Biology).

Gay, B. (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry).

Jewell, D. E. (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry).

Keeble, J. F. (Physics, Chemistry, Biology).

Mabbott, A. (History, Geography, English).

Pottow, G. W. (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Biology).

Scott, C. M. (Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Chemistry, Biology).

Spouse, A. (Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry).

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Music (The Miss P. J. Smith Memorial Prize). Flaxman, R.

The "Ford" Cup (For outstanding voluntary service to the School). Anderson, D. T. Swimming Championship Challenge Cup (Presented by County Alderman A. E. Ward). Russell, D. J.

Dramatics. (Award presented by J. B. Serjent).—James, D. A., and Stockwell M. B.

CADET NOTES

Last August, twenty of our Cadets went into camp for one week at Weymouth. The site was on high ground overlooking the sea and two miles away from the town. The camp was excellently administered by a staff from the Regular Army and the weather was kind.

The Army had arranged special training for Senior Cadets and two demonstrations for all Cadets. A troop of airborne Royal Artillery displayed their guns, wireless sets and vehicles, and some cadets, including A. Parker, were permitted to fire the guns. For the second demonstration, a parachute squadron of the Royal Corps of Signals allowed the Cadets to operate their wireless sets and other signal equipment, and struggle with an open parachute on the ground in a high wind. They had brought along two jeeps for the occasion and on these they gave the Cadets ride after ride until it was time to return to camp.

During the week most of the Camp visited H.M.S. "Vanguard." But the highlight came on the Friday, when the Slough Battalion was chosen to provide the Guard of Honour for the General Officer Commanding Southern Command when he inspected the camp. This Guard was warmly praised by the Inspecting Officer and included four members of the School Company. They were F. Holness, C. Grout, A. Parker and J. Bench. The School Company were chosen to provide the Butt Party for the County Shoot, which took place on the ranges adjoining the camp. Afterwards this party of twelve—most of whom had not even seen a range before—were complimented by Brigadier Brett, D.S.O., the County Commandant, who had taken the Firing Point for this occasion.

This year the Annual Camp will be at Freshwater, I.O.W., from the 5th to the 12th August. The fee, inclusive of transport to and from the Camp, will be 10/-.

On the 28th and 29th April this year, the following Cadets attended a week-end course admirably run by the Regular Army at Cowley Barracks, near Oxford—F. Holness, C. J. Grout, J. Bench, W. Morgan, D. A. Roynance.

At Whitsun this year, six Cadets went to a short camp organised by the Slough 1st Battalion near Marlow. They enjoyed themselves immensely, especially during the manoeuvre against another battalion from the County. They were, J. Bench, W. Morgan, D. Bell, A. Young, J. H. Ward and A. E. Lawrence.

The climax of the year's training came at the end of May, when fourteen Cadets presented themselves to a War Office Board for examination in the training up to Certificate "A". S. F. Holness, C. J. Grout, J. Bench, D. K. Page and D. A. Roynance gained the full certificate, Holness coming out with the best total mark of all candidates. B. J. Garner, W. Morgan, J. H. Barnes, C. Penman, and H. Miles gained Part I of the Certificate. Garner obtained the highest mark of all candidates in this part of the examination. We can only sympathise with J. Freeman, who was not well enough to be present.

Finally, no praise can be too high for those members of the School Company, too numerous to name, who worked so hard for the Battalion Christmas Fair last December. We end these notes by offering our sincerest thanks to those parents who so generously helped to fill the Company stall at the Fair with all manner of attractive Christmas gifts. We expect that the Fair will be held again this year.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Officials:

B. Gay (*Chairman*) J. Ford (*Vice-Chairman*)
R. Esling (*Treasurer*) J. Killip (*Secretary*)
Committee: J. Harvey, D. Abbott, D. Jewell, W. Spring

On Thursday, January 18th, 1951, the Slough Grammar School Scientific Society came into existence. At this meeting the above committee was elected, and

it was decided to invite Mr. Clarke to become President and Mr. Anderson, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Vivash (the four Senior Science masters) to become Vice-Presidents of the Society.

Since then the members of the Society have been presented with an interesting and varied programme, which has included visits to meetings of the Slough Astronomical Society (talks by Mr. Naismith and Mr. Burgess of the Ditton Park Radio Research Station) and the Middle Thames Natural History Society (talk by Mr. Goodwin, of the Natural History Museum); lectures by Mr. Dickinson (on "The Special Theory of Relativity") and by Mrs. Woodrow of the Astronomical Society; a visit to the I.C.I. canteen in Wexham Road to see a film show including "Feature Story" and "Enterprise," I.C.I. propaganda films, with a full supporting programme of shorts, amongst which were a technicolour cartoon and a Charlie Chaplin classic; a film show, consisting of films of a scientific nature, held at the school.

Arrangements are being made for a visit to the Physical Research Station at Teddington.

Membership is at the moment restricted to the Upper School, down to and including the Lower Fifts, but it is hoped that it will be possible to extend it in the not too distant future.

J. D. KILLIP (HON. SEC.)

MUSIC SOCIETY

President: The Headmaster *Chairman:* D. A. James
Treasurer: W. Warren *Secretary:* D. E. Jewell

In December 1950 a committee was formed under the Chairmanship of D. A. James, which drew up a constitution of twenty resolutions, and adopted the following aim: To broaden the School's outlook on music.

A programme composed of classical and jazz concerts with three monthly meetings was arranged for the following term. Membership was opened and the response was extremely pleasing. The concerts were held every Thursday, with music ranging from "Jelly Roll Morton's Red Hot Peppers" to Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony. The classical concerts were arranged so as to give programmes of well-known orchestral music. The jazz concerts covered all periods of jazz music.

During the musical evenings several lectures were given, and members of the High School Music Society were invited and also took an active part in the debate.

It is hoped that the Society will become affiliated to a concert group in London and will attend a number of Promenade concerts.

D. E. JEWELL (HON. SEC.)

MALE VOICE CHOIR

At the beginning of this school year 1950-51, Mr. Harries, the music master, approached members of the sixth form with a view to forming a Male Voice Choir. The idea was received with enthusiasm and a choir of about a dozen boys was duly formed. This small group of senior boys was then joined by some junior boys and a four-part choir was formed, senior boys singing tenor and bass parts, the younger boys tackling the soprano and alto parts. The choir practised hard and performed at the School Speech Day last year. The rendering of "All in the April Evening" was well received, gaining mention on the front page of the local paper. Since then, several concerts have been held.

Recently the Male Voice Choir performed very creditably at the Slough Arts Festival; they were awarded a certificate of merit and were beaten into second place by only 1 per cent. of the total marks awarded. The successes of these choirs have led us to hope that they will continue to flourish, despite the fact that several senior boys will be leaving us soon. The boys are to be congratulated for surrendering their

lunch hours for practice periods, and special praise is due to Mr. Harries for the time and effort he puts into training the choirs. Certainly the effort is not wasted, for the musical prowess of the school has been considerably enhanced by the performances of both the Four-Part and Male Voice Choirs.

R. H. ESLING, U.VI.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

On the evenings of December 13th, 14th and 15th, 1950, the school Dramatic Society gave a presentation of Bernard Shaw's play "The Devil's Disciple."

The cast was as follows:-

Richard Dudgeon	Malcolm Stockwell
Mrs. Dudgeon	William Morgan
Christy Dudgeon	Ian Jones
Essie	Roger Bester
Rev. Antony Anderson	William Creighton
Judith Anderson	Colin Smethurst
Major Swindon	Vernon Amos
General Burgoyne	Denis James
Sergeant	James Weatherburn
Lawyer Hawkins	Trevor Taylor
Uncle William Dudgeon	Philip Seal
Uncle Titus Dudgeon	Robin Day
Aunt William Dudgeon	Robert Giles
Aunt Titus Dudgeon	William Bradshaw
Chaplain Mr. Brudenell	Donald Wells
Stage-manager	Mr. M. Millar
Electrician	D. Roper-Lowe
Musical Director	Mr. J. H. Harries
Décor	Mr. T. C. R. Evans
Box Office	Mrs. J. T. Hazelwood
Property-man	D. Jewell

The producer was Mr. L. J. Cave.

Although bereft of the energetic services of Mr. Purvis, the Dramatic Society remained true to its usual high standard, and, under the guidance of Mr. Cave, gave a remarkably good presentation of a play which, especially in its two leading rôles, is by no means easy.

On first sight the play might appear hardly suitable for a school company to act. Be that as it may, most of my personal misgivings were cleared and my fears proved unfounded when I saw the performance. The acting was good and full of real enthusiasm, and the scenery and effects were not far behind in quality. Malcolm Stockwell, in the title rôle, acted well throughout the play, managing the difficult closing scenes excellently; for to give a realistic representation of an innocent man condemned to death, with the rope round his neck is, unless you have actually had the experience, never an easy task. Roger Bester gave a careful, well-controlled performance as the little girl Essie, and Denis James, as the blasé General Burgoyne was very skilful in throwing cold water over the heated but unreasonable rantings of the grimly patriotic Major Swindon, well portrayed by Vernon Amos.

I must reserve most praise, however, for the performance of a newcomer to the Society—Colin Smethurst, in the part of Judith Anderson, the pastor's wife. With due respect to the other members of the cast, I think that this performance made the play. Smethurst's part was a difficult one, especially for a boy, but he reaped

the reward of what must have been very strenuous rehearsal, and of good use of his imagination. His acting gave the production the inspiration which otherwise it might have lacked.

The only adverse criticism that I have to make on the play concerns diction. When voices were raised, especially in the argument between the two military gentlemen, enunciation was apt to be forgotten for a few moments. The result was that, on the first night in particular, the thread of the argument, necessary to the plot of the play, could not be followed. Since, however, this feature improved considerably on the following nights, it was of small import, and the main thing was that all the audience, including myself, thoroughly enjoyed the play, which I, for one, found to be remarkably, even unexpectedly, well acted and produced.

GYMNASTICS

The more energetic portion of the school—that is to say, the Special Gym. Class—went up to the Regent Street Polytechnic on Saturday, 28th April, to take part in (to give it its full title) the Forty-fifth Annual Display of Educational and Recreational Gymnastics, given by Fellows and Associates of the Incorporated British Association for Physical Training and their students.

Undismayed by this title, and full of the confidence that comes from experience (we went up to the same function last year), we entered ourselves not only to do our usual vaulting-box exercises, but to spend a few more minutes and a good deal more energy doing agility exercises as well. The term "agility exercises" means (or should mean) a series of difficult but graceful exercises performed in an efficient, perfectly co-ordinated manner. These requirements we tried to fulfil, and judging from the applause we gained when, aching and weary, we finally trudged off the gymnasium floor, our efforts were quite successful and warmly appreciated, and we ourselves enjoyed it greatly. This year we had the honour of being the only school team invited to attend, and since we were placed very early on the programme, we were able, after refreshment, to sit back and watch the experts proceed to wear themselves out for our entertainment. The team of the Regent Street Polytechnic itself seemed to monopolise the latter part of the evening, doing parallel-bar and horizontal-bar exercises; standing on top of each other to make human pyramids, and, last of all, sailing nonchalantly over a monstrous four-legged thing, about two yards high, two yards long, and one yard wide, called a vaulting-table. They went over it, of course, with the aid of a springboard, but the extreme neatness in the style of their vaulting gave us something to copy in our future training, as we prepare for the school gym. display which is to be held on June 13th. At this function we mean to give a first-class show, for we can say without fear of contradiction that the standard of the gym. class is, for a school, very high, that the members are keen to a man, and that they all enjoy the physical exertion involved in the exercises. For, although it is in a dead language, there is very living truth in the saying "*Mens sana in corpore sano*"—a healthy mind in a healthy body: and what leads more directly to this end than regular gymnastic training?

HOUSE NOTES

GRAY

Officials:-Captain: W. C. Loring; Vice-Captain: H. Wotherspoon; Secretary: J. D. Killip; Committee: V. E. Amos, B. J. Lucas.

FOOTBALL.—Gray easily won the Inter-House Football Competition, being unbeaten throughout the School, a truly splendid achievement. In gaining 28 points out of a possible 30, the House teams succeeded in scoring 47 goals, with only 14 against.

There were no results for the Easter Term, owing to cancellations caused by the weather.

CROSS-COUNTRY.—Gray were first in the Seconds and Fourths, second in the Thirds and Seniors, and just beaten into third place in the Lower Fifts, to run out eventual winners with 18 points.

CRICKET.—No results available on going to press.

ATHLETICS.—Gray, for the third year running, won the School Sports. In Class I, W. C. Loring, the Gray Captain (15 points), was narrowly beaten for second place in the Individual Championship, though he was unfortunately unable to run on Sports Day owing to illness, while T. W. S. Groome (10 points) came fourth. Loring broke his own record for the 440 yards, by returning a time of 55.6 seconds, and Groome broke his own records for the 100 yards and 220 yards, running them in 10.6 seconds and 23.75 seconds respectively.

In Class II, D. Cullimore (24 points) and A. S. Painter (13 points) came first and fourth respectively in the Individual Championship.

In Class III, no one was outstanding, though several did well.

This has been a truly remarkable year for Gray House, for it is not often that one House gains first place in football, cross-country, and sports, all in one year. Much of the credit for these successes must go to Mr. V. H. Taylor, who has completed his first year as House Master, to the other masters, especially Mr. Millar, and to W. C. Loring, the Gray Captain, for their work throughout the year, and it is to be hoped that they will lead the House to further successes in the future.

J. D. KILLIP, HON. SEC.

HAMPDEN

Officials.—Captain: P. A. Seal; Vice-Captain: R. H. Esling; Secretary: D. A. Roper-Lowe; Committee: J. Ray.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

AUTUMN TERM 1950.

	Seniors	LV's	IV's	III's	II's
v. Gray	Lost	Drawn	Lost	Lost	Lost
v. Milton	Won	Won	Lost	Drawn	Won
v. Herschel	Lost	Won	Won	Won	Won

This gives the House a total of 14 points, and we were placed second in the football list.

No House matches were played in the Spring Term, but as usual the Cross-Country races were held towards the end of the term. In the Seniors we were placed fourth; LV's first; IV's second; III's first; and II's third. Our final position being second.

SPORTS.—Hampden was placed third in the House Championship; our lack of numbers in the senior groups being badly felt. Lower down the school the picture was much brighter, D. Delaney winning the Class 3 championship and E. Bevan breaking the shot record with a put of 144ft. 1½ins.

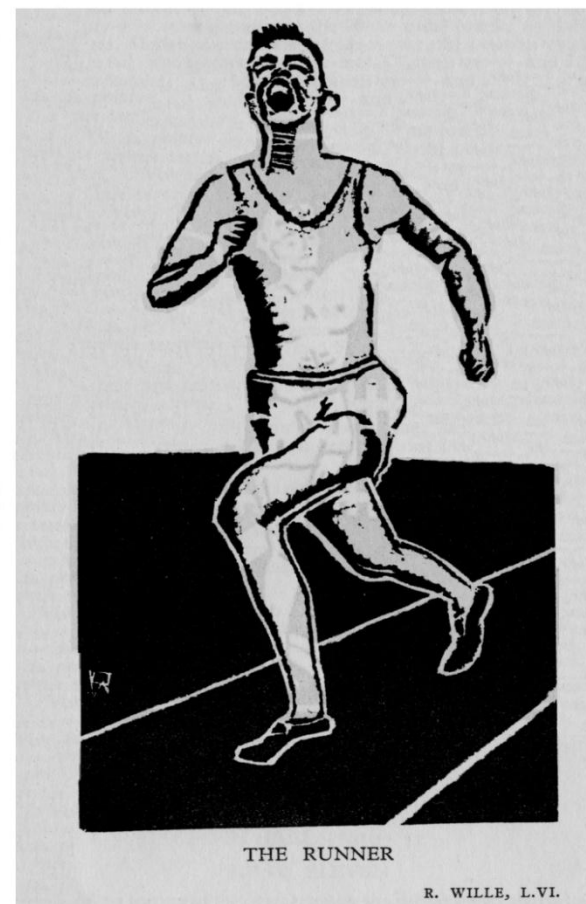
CRICKET.—No House results are obtainable yet, but our captain, P. A. Seal, is doing some good work in the 1st XI.

D. ROPER-LOWE.

HERSCHEL

Officials.—Captain: V. Whitbread; Vice-Captain: L. Williams; Secretary: D. James; Committee: D. Reader.

Despite the low rating in the House positions, Herschel has been able to provide good competition in the field events, as the sports results will show. Arnold, Williams and Jones were promising in their events in Class I. Jones also took part in the All-England sports at Port Sunlight and gained third place in the Throwing-the-Discus event.





The Senior Cross-Country race was won by a Herschel team, and the Lower Fifts also ran well. Except for the Seniors, the House did not do well on the football field; 11 points only were gained and the House came fourth. At the beginning of the Summer term, Marler, the captain, left. However, the position was admirably filled by V. Whitbread, who is captain of the 2nd XI cricket team, and L. Williams was elected vice-captain. Although the results for the House were low, nevertheless there are some promising features.

D. JAMES, SECRETARY.

MILTON

Officials:—Captain: R. A. Neale; Vice-Captain: R. E. Day; Secretary: P. A. Bailey; Committee: G. Mayor, M. J. Johnson.

Increasing success in the realm of athletics marked the year for Milton. The House continued its upward progress and, after a very close fight with Gray, came second with 163 points, six behind the victors. Outstanding performers for the House were Mayor, who gained the Johnson Cup for the most points gained for his House in Class I. Neale broke the javelin record, both in heats and on Sports Day itself, throwing just over 153 feet on both occasions. In Class II Barnes broke the discus record with a remarkable throw of 111 ft. and Franklin, winning the newly-introduced javelin event, thus gained a record. In Class III, Ball gained a joint high-jump record. Athletics therefore left everybody in the House well content, the only sorrow being that we could not find an extra seven points to gain a victory.

In football the House did moderately well, coming third in the championship, beating Herschel on goal average. The best performances were in the Seniors and the IV's, who both came second.

Gale, captain of the L.V. House team, represented the County at football, and captained the Slough and District team.

Although there were no House matches in hockey, the House had a strong team and provided five of the school team which was picked to play Windsor, a match which unfortunately did not materialise, because of rain. We look forward to good results in the coming hockey season.

On the academic side, Davis, who gained a County Major Scholarship, left to study at Keble College, Oxford. Brecknell accompanied him to the same college, and this year Bailey, House Secretary, has gained admission in the same university. We wish them all the best in their studies.

During the present term, although no cricket House matches have been played, the Seniors are likely to have a strong team, since they provide six regular members of the 1st XI. A good struggle is expected with Gray.

R. A. N.

GAMES AND ATHLETICS

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FIRST ELEVEN

The outstanding feature of the Senior season has perhaps been the curtailment of it. In the Easter term, hockey was reintroduced, but the prolonged bad weather prevented progress. However, hockey helps those who do not shine at football as well as those who do—it is a good preparation for the cricket season—and this year every school with which we have football fixtures has returned to it, so that none of the inter-school football fixtures was possible after Christmas.

The eleven won most of their games, and Colours were awarded thus: Re-award: P. Seal (capt.); 2nd Half-colour: B. Lucas; Full Colours: J. Ford, L. Williams; 1st Half: R. Young, R. Vandeppeer, R. Gale, G. Mayor.

We had no defensive problems this year—our greatest difficulty lay in blending a forward line: we lacked at first the right type of inside-forward, capable of holding and working the ball, carving the openings, and of—just working. Lucas and Young were powerful backs: the one as long, rangy, speedy and intelligent as ever, the other tireless, fearless and fast. Goalkeeper Vandepuer worked well with them and was very safe. In front, L. Williams developed into an outstanding defensive centre-half, tackling strongly and using the ball well. Manteuffel and R. Gale on the flanks were very strong and determined, with Gale showing the more finesse.

On the right wing, G. Mayor frightened the wits out of many opponents by his sheer length—it was unfortunate that his wrist injury came when he was revealing his speed and thrust. Seal, on the left, played once again with deceptive pace, and placed his centres thoughtfully. H. Wotherspoon worked very hard at inside-right and kept defences on the move. K. Worrall, as left-half and inside-left, fitted in admirably and was always seeking to open up the game. Yeatman and P. Arnold also came into the side and did very well. In the centre, the twin-engined Ford brought something rather new to the team. He would be the last to claim artistry or ingrained football ability—but his jet-propelled dashes down the middle were quite electrifying and produced many shock goals. When given the right passes and support, he was a menace—very fast and very persistent. R. Davey, P. Wren, G. Kennedy all played their part well when called upon.

It was unfortunate that, through injuries and other reasons, a settled forward line was not established early, to complete the balance with an outstanding defence. Still—it was hard, fast football all the way—no league atmosphere or relegation mathematics—just football played for the game's sake, with every match a needle game.

SECOND ELEVEN

With ten victories, the Second Eleven had a highly successful season. They were a bold and variegated band of warriors who played spirited and robust football, smiting the enemy where it hurt most—between the posts, be it said. V. Amos, V. Whitbread, P. Bailey, W. Loring, R. Robotham, R. Day, J. Ray, J. Hodges, J. Bench and J. Holdship were stalwarts in defence, using, variously, speed, weight and tenacity.

In attack, again in their differing styles, the following all did good service: R. A. Neale, R. Davey, P. Arnold, J. Kennedy, B. Poole, J. Leach, D. Abbott, P. Wren, T. Taylor, B. Yeatman, J. Lewis, and Hall.

This Second Eleven, doomed, as ever, to enforced changes, yet contrived to be a boyogeneous unit—the parts were bound together by wholehearted, energetic effort—and deserved success ensued.

SENIOR LEAGUE ELEVEN

(Under 15, Sept. 1st, 1950)

A season of hat-tricks—champions, shields and trophy winners for the third successive year. The record is imposing in terms of silver, but the metal of this year's team was hall-marked too: with a tradition to maintain, they played at times football of the highest quality and overcame difficulties of all sorts—particularly those of the bad weather at the crowded season-end.

Senior League: Champions, Bowyer Cup. Rebel Shield winners. Grenfell Shield winners (v. champions of Maidenhead).

Played 14, won 13, lost 1. Goals: 77 for, 8 against.

R. Gale, Captain, Slough & District Eleven and member of the Three Counties Eleven.

The goalkeeping was shared by M. Hall and W. Clarke: Hall, fearless and highly mobile, Clarke, cool to the pitch of nonchalance.

G. Glanville—the regular District Eleven full-back—was very fast and resolute—he relished being in the thick of the fray. If the fray was not very thick, he would sometimes hold the ball and invent a tight corner from which to extricate himself. D. J. Smith, his partner, was always steady, and improved all through the season, especially in his kicking—a really neat full-back.

R. Gale, at centre-half, was dominant in attack and defence. He carried too many guns for his opponents and suited his game shrewdly to the conditions and type of opposition. J. Davenport started slowly, worked magnificently hard, and ended the season as a model wing-half.

J. Gale fitted in well. He dribbled well, brought the ball through, and was quick to recover position. Earlier, on dry grounds, B. Hill performed nobly—his long legs will be useful next season.

Supported by this strong half-back line, the forwards did very well. D. C. Jones was a fast penetrating right-winger who scored some beautiful goals with carefully judged long shots. Inside was B. Ackrell, just born to the position—astute positioning, neat passes, hard work, smartly taken goals—he deserved his place in the District Eleven.

At centre, diminutive D. Edwards had to be elusive and to control the ball. He was, and did. He screwed and hooked some pretty goals.

At inside-left, “Pegasus” Dale, our own lolluping Flying Horse, did tremendous work, making chances and goals galore for others.

D. Ludley did good work on the wing, lacking only the final dash and pace to complete good movements. P. Neal and N. Starks were useful reserves.

INTERMEDIATE ELEVEN

(Under 13, Sept. 1st, 1950)

The Intermediate team upheld their reputation and contended valiantly, not only with their opponents, but also with the weather: one match was played in sweltering heat, another in a howling gale, and a third in impenetrable fog. The “Lions,” however, emerged victorious from all these trials and won the Templeman Cup as champions of their division. Results: Played 9, won 9, drawn 0, lost 0. Goals: 42 for, 8 against.

Of the three players still available from last year's eleven, the left-winger, F. B. Barnes, proved one of the best captains we have had, since he not only set an example by his good play and unflagging spirit (real old-fashioned “guts” we might say), but also could often be heard marshalling and encouraging his men and (verbally) trouncing any misdeed. The spearhead of the attack was Bradbury, whose thrust and speed at inside-right have developed excellently since last year. The third “Old Lion” was L. Glanville, who again showed his mastery of the art of trapping, and from left-half kept up a stream of useful passes to his forwards. Once he insisted on going right up to score his usual goal of the season, disregarding the nasty gap in the defence where he should have been. J. Ward, centre-forward, who came in half way through the season, provided the right mixture of clever ball control and real thrust, and capped an excellent season by scoring a hat trick in the last match. P. Anderson used his speed to beat his opponent and sent over some beautiful centres. Pitcher, inside-left, used his brains when distributing the ball, and was a most promising acquisition to the team. Centre-half A. Taylor barred the way down the middle and usually broke up attacks and initiated a counter-attack by a clever little dribble and pass forward. Hearn, right-half, was also very skilled at dribbling, and started many attacks by his fine service to his forwards. The defence (J. Hobbs, M. Gillham and E. Clegg) was sound and unyielding, and got through a huge amount of work. The tackling of the backs was particularly good. The following also played: Thompson, a very speedy and clever dribbler; J. Glanville, a fine energetic half-back; M. Morgan, whose size was capable of striking terror into rash attackers; J. Morgan, a neat winger of much promise; Ashley, who proved a useful

full-back; E. Webb, reserve goalkeeper, worthy of a place at any time; and J. Bellinger, who in one match made himself a fine reputation.

It looks as if the positions of centre-forward, right-wing and inside-left are booked for next season. Players to fill all other positions, particularly goalkeeper, will therefore be wanted.

Friendly games with old rivals from Strode's, Egham, and Bishopshalt, Uxbridge, were also played, and the following also represented the school: I. Lewis, L. Glanville, N. Starks, D. Clilverd, B. Chase, B. Pulsford, E. Duncan, D. Greenhow, W. Hynes, S. Horton.

The Annual Six-a-Side Competition provided the usual gruelling struggles, and it was not easy to forecast the outcome.

Senior winners were L. Williams (capt.), Wren, Elwell, Robinson, Bovey, D. C. Jones, who beat J. Bell's six in the final.

Junior winners were F. Barnes (capt.), Cullimore, Watson, Tucker, Dolphin, Penman, who beat J. Davenport's six.

House results are given elsewhere.

The Football Tea, as Charmanly served as ever, wound up a season bringing tangible success in results and trophies and in the vital matters of team spirit, standard of play, and keen enjoyment.

CRICKET 1950

FIRST ELEVEN

Captain: V. E. Amos; *Vice-Captain:* P. A. Seal; *Hon. Secretary:* D. T. Anderson; *Committee:* R. A. Neale.

Team: V. E. Amos, D. T. Anderson, R. E. Day, J. B. Ford, R. M. Johnson, G. Mayor, R. A. Neale, P. A. Seal, J. Thorniley, H. Vandepier, H. Wotherspoon. (T. Taylor and H. Sole played in several matches, and R. Young, O. J. Lucas, V. Whitbread and L. Williams were occasional players.)

Colours: Re-awards: V. E. Amos, P. A. Seal, R. A. Neale; 1st-half: H. Wotherspoon, H. Vandepier, R. M. Johnson, J. B. Ford.

Won 7, drawn 1, lost 7.

Although they lost as many games as they won, the school First Eleven had a very successful and enjoyable season. The mediocrity of the above figures are mainly the result of a slight lack of concentration shown when the team was set to score comparatively few runs to win. However, except for some uncertain ground-fielding at the beginning of the season, this was the only blemish in a team otherwise outstanding both for its combined and individual performances.

An event of importance during the season was the revival of the annual fixture with the Parents. The school team won this game, thanks to a splendid innings of 52 by Amos, the captain, by 104 runs—their biggest win of the season. The match with the Staff was more than usually keenly contested, for the Staff team was considerably strengthened by the inclusion of Mr. Mills; it is believed an even stronger team will be available this year! Greatly aided by an innings of 31 by Mr. Mills, the Staff scored 72. Then it was the boys' turn to bat; when Neale was run out with his own score at 42, and the total at 67 for 5, and when that total quickly became 67 for 8, there were some anxious moments before eventually the winning hit was made without another wicket falling. The other highlight of the season was a resounding victory over our old foes Wycombe Royal Grammar School. This event was reported in last year's *Swan*, but well deserves repetition, if only for the fact that Amos, the captain, performed the chief individual feat of the season by scoring 91 not out—the peak of a season's excellent batting! After the school had declared at 130 for 9, Wycombe's defeat was hastened on by Neale, who struck a good length and did the hat trick.

Other individual performances of the season were the capture of 6 wickets for 7 runs in the first game against Borlase School, Marlow, by Wotherspoon, partner of Amos in the fast attack; an excellent run of batting successes by Johnson, the baby of the team, at the end of the season, and a thrilling struggle for last place in the batting averages between Seal and Wotherspoon. Seal eventually won, and Wotherspoon, seven times not out in his eleven innings, was banished into a higher place than his rival in the order! The only other item of note is that Amos was selected to play regularly for Bucks County Junior XI in the summer holidays—an outstanding and well-merited honour.

Results for Season 1950.

- v. Borlase School, Marlow (away). Won by 34 runs. School 90 (Amos 37), Marlow 56 (Wotherspoon 6 for 7).
- v. Ranelagh G.S., Bracknell (away). Lost by 3 wkts. School 89 (Neale 22), Ranelagh 90 for 7, in last over.
- v. Windsor C.B.S. (home). Lost by 37 runs. Windsor 68 (Seal 5 for 12), School 31.
- v. Wycombe R.G.S. (away). Won by 66 runs. School 130 for 9 dec. (Amos 91*), Wycombe 64 (Neale 5 for 1).
- v. Maidenhead C.B.S. (home). Lost by 7 runs. Maidenhead 47 (Amos 5 for 16), School 40.
- v. Ranelagh G.S., Bracknell (home). Won by 8 wkts. Ranelagh 37 (Wotherspoon 5 for 5), School 38 for 2.
- v. Maidenhead C.B.S. (away). Lost by 3 runs. Maidenhead 42 (Amos 5 for 7), School 39.
- v. Windsor C.B.S. (away). Lost by 18 runs. Windsor 103 for 9 dec. (Seal 6 for 14), School 85 (Neale 42, Lucas 20).
- v. Strodes School, Egham (away). Lost by 5 wkts. School 58 (Johnson 19*), Egham 59 for 5 (Wotherspoon 3 for 14).
- v. Wycombe Tech. (home). Won by 48 runs. School 86 (Day 37), Wycombe Tech. 38 (Sole 4 for 11).
- v. Bishopshalt, Uxbridge (home). Lost by 6 runs. Uxbridge 35 (Vandepier 3 for 2, Seal 3 for 2), School 30.
- v. Old Paludians (home). Match drawn. Old Paludians 99 (Amos 6 for 25), School 59 for 9 (Johnson 22).
- v. Borlase School, Marlow (home). Won by 7 wkts. Marlow 63 (Amos 6 for 11), School 64 for 3 (Johnson 30).
- v. Parents Eleven (home). Won by 104 runs. School 151 for 6 dec. (Amos 52, Johnson 25, Mayor 24*), Parents 47 (Wotherspoon 3 for 9).
- v. Staff Eleven (home). Won by 2 wkts. Staff 72 (Mills 31, Amos 5 for 25), School 73 for 8 (Neale 42, Mills 5 for 24).

And now here are some statistics:-

Averages.

Batting (Qualification 4 completed innings).

	Innings	Times Not Out	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
Amos	11	1	209	91*	20.9
Johnson	14	3	143	30	13.0
Neale	12	0	151	42	12.6

* Signifies not out.

Bowling (Qualification 9 wickets).

	Overs	Maiden Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
Sole	23.1	9	36	9	4.00
Amos	119.3	40	194	45	4.31
Seal	85.1	23	169	30	5.63
Wotherspoon	105.3	31	222	36	6.17

The team scored 1,063 runs in all matches, for the loss of 127 wickets, giving an average of 8.2, and had 920 runs scored against them, taking 140 wickets, each wicket costing 6.6 runs.

STAFF MATCH 1950

Ever since I came to this school in 1944, and even before that, I am told, it has been the custom at the end of the summer term for the school First Eleven to play a match against a masters' eleven. This practice is no immodesty on the part of the masters for them to display their skill; on the contrary, they have yet to win a match. And here I must warn you not to be fooled by their propaganda, for each and every year they claim that next year they will win. They still have to register a win. After such a monotonous series of wins, many spectators had begun to look upon the match as one way of having their own back on the masters. Last year everyone arrived with big smiles ready to jeer their favourite masters. (Note, reader, to jeer a master shows no sign of disrespect; rather the opposite, for schoolboys, like university students who pelt their Deans with soot and flour, have a peculiar method of showing respect.) The masters, in immaculate flannels, sent in their opening batsmen, grimly determined to do or . . . not to do! In their determination, and may they blush with shame, they even stooped to trickery; but more of that anon.

It was unfortunate that the day of the match should dawn in pouring rain, since Mr. Morgan's chemistry lab. coat, on these occasions used as umpire's coat, had been freshly treated with water and the latest soap powder, so that it glistened whiter than new. Indeed, it was scarcely recognisable with all the buttons sewn on and no acid burns showing! However, during one of the B.B.C. forecaster's "bright periods," the match was begun, the masters batting first. What a surprise for the school, for Mr. Mills, a recent addition to the staff, gave an exhibition of batting rarely seen outside professional circles. And here, reader, to tell you of the intrigue. When Mr. Mills was finally dismissed, the staff, determined to win, conceived a plot—all in the spirit of fun, of course. The last man in was to be Mr. Dickinson; this last man duly went in and Mr. Mills, after the skilful application of make-up and false sideboards and moustache—these operations in artistic make-up being performed by Mr. Purvis—had undergone a metamorphosis. He emerged from the pavilion as Mr. Dickinson. But the school First Eleven penetrated the disguise, although many spectators were fooled. Such trickery was bound to reap rewards, for no sooner had the boys' innings begun than down came the rain. Now a staff match doesn't happen every week, so that the rules of cricket are usually very flexible on such occasions. The umpires decided that the match would be continued on the morrow, and thus it was. On the morrow Mr. Mills added to his previous achievements, gaining fresh laurels with some fine bowling. The boys just managed to snatch victory with two wickets spare after one of the most keenly contested, exciting staff matches on record. All praise to the masters for their superb effort, and congratulations to Mr. Purvis for the fine disguise he worked on Mr. Mills. We all look forward with zealous anticipation to this year's contest.

RONALD HENRY ESLING.

CRICKET 1951

FIRST ELEVEN

Captain: V. E. Amos; *Vice-Captain:* P. A. Seal; *Committee:* R. A. Neale, R. E. Day.

Team: V. E. Amos, P. A. Seal, R. A. Neale, R. E. Day, H. Wotherspoon, T. G. Taylor, G. Mayor, J. B. Ford, M. J. Johnson, L. Williams, L. Goldfine.

Scorer: K. Paterson.

Results to date (won 4, lost 1, drawn 1):—

- v. Windsor C.B.S. (away). Lost by 61 runs. Windsor 105 for 9 dec., School 48.
- v. Slough Tech. (home). Won by 69 runs. School 101 (Amos 32), Tech. 32 (Amos 6 for 6, Seal 2 for 0).
- v. Amersham G.S. (away). Match drawn. School 122 for 6 dec. (Amos 42, Taylor 34), Amersham 57 for 5 (Goldfine 4 for 13).
- v. Borlase School, Marlow (away). Won by 8 wkts. Marlow 85 (Wotherspoon 4 for 19), School 86 for 2 (Neale 49 not out, Taylor 29).
- v. Wycombe Royal G.S. (away). Won by 6 wkts. Wycombe 97 for 8 dec. (Wotherspoon 3 for 6), School 98 for 4 (Amos 64 not out).
- v. Maidenhead C.B.S. (away). Won by 4 wkts. Maidenhead 38 (Wotherspoon 5 for 19, Seal 2 for 3), School 39 for 6 (Johnson 15).

After losing their first game—against Windsor, the First Eleven has settled down to a run of success. With the exception of the first game, the batting has been more consistent than last season, the most notable performances being a match-winning innings of 64 not out by Amos against Wycombe Royal Grammar School, another of 49 not out by Neale against Marlow, and a very good run of form in his new position of opening batsman by Taylor, who scored 17, 34 and 29 in consecutive innings. Amos has, as usual, been the best batsman, and besides his 64 not out he scored 42 against Amersham G.S. and 32 against Slough Technical School. In the match against Marlow, Neale and Taylor stayed together in a partnership of 70 runs, but, large as this figure is, it was beaten in the next match by Amos and Johnson, who put on 79.

The bowling, too, is good. The team has the same opening attack as last year, and Seal is still there to follow up with his off-breaks. A very valuable addition to the side is Goldfine, who, by taking 4 for 13 against Amersham with his slow left-arm spinners, assured himself of a place in the side. The best individual bowling performance so far is Amos' 6 wickets for 6 runs against Slough Technical School. Wotherspoon, too, has bowled extremely well and already has 16 wickets to his credit. Amos is close behind with 14, and Goldfine has 8.

So far, the only cause for complaint has been in the fielding. Catches have been missed and runs given away, but this department of the game is responding to practice and improving steadily. Soon we hope it will be up to the standard of the batting and bowling.

Several new fixtures have been arranged this term. That with Amersham G.S. has already been played, but the rest—games with Henley G.S., Chiswick G.S., and the Slough branch of the R.A.F. Association—are still to come. Another game with a Parents' Eleven has been arranged, and all the traditional fixtures have been retained. The result is a very busy season, for during the fifteen weeks of term, some twenty-three matches have to be played; and when these are fitted in with exams., athletics and the school travel week, very little time is left. The team, however, is keen and has had its appetite whetted by early successes. So let us hope that the rest of the season holds as much success in store as the early part.

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT SPORTS 1950

In the Slough and District Sports, held at the Social Centre Stadium, the school did well, and the times returned were good, considering the unfavourable weather conditions.

The Seniors again won the Greyhound Cup, and the 13-15 boys were second to the Technical School.

Some of the results are:-

GROUP V. 15-17 years.

100 yards.—Groome 2nd, Lucas 3rd.
220 yards.—Groome 1st, Bateman 3rd. Time 24.5secs.
440 yards.—Goss 2nd, Goss's time 58secs. Winner 57.4.
880 yards.—Holmes 1st, Bovey 4th. Time 2m. 15secs.
Mile.—2nd Davis, 3rd Antill.
Hurdles.—3rd Davey.
Relay.—Our team 2nd.

GROUP IV. 13-15 years.

100 yards.—1st Faulkner. 12.0secs.
220 yards.—2nd Faulkner.
880 yards.—1st Hunt. 2m. 25.2secs.
Relay.—Our team 3rd.

GROUP III. 11-13 years.

150 yds.—3rd Anderson.
Relay.—Our team 4th.

SCHOOL RECORDS

CLASS I.

100 yards.—T. W. S. Groome (1951) 10.6secs.
220 yards.—T. W. S. Groome (1951) 23.75secs.
440 yards.—W. C. Loring (1951) 55.6secs.
880 yards.—A. J. Lake (1949) 2mins. 9.5secs.
Mile.—A. J. Lake (1949) 4mins. 50.3secs.
Long Jump.—P. Ford (1944) 20ft. 10ins.
High Jump.—J. H. V. Gecks (1937) 5ft. 6ins.
Javelin.—R. A. Neale (1951) 153ft. 3½ins.
Shot.—P. Ford (1943) 50ft. 10ins.
Discus.—W. H. Dyer (1940) 107ft. 7½ins.

CLASS 2.

100 yards.—T. W. S. Groome (1948) 11.6secs.
220 yards.—T. W. S. Groome (1949) 25.4secs.
440 yards.—R. P. Groome (1951) 61.3secs.
880 yards.—W. Birnage (1951) 2mins. 27.2secs.
High Jump.—P. Arnold (1949) 4ft. 8½ins.
Long Jump.—B. J. Lucas (1949) 17ft. 10½ins.
Javelin.—R. Franklin (1951) 121ft. 7½ins.
Shot.—D. F. W. Bridges (1944) 42ft. 4ins.
Discus.—J. Barnes (1951) 111ft. 4ins.

CLASS 3.

100 yards.—B. J. Lucas (1948) 11.9sec.
220 yards.—R. E. Faulkner (1949) 27.5secs.
High Jump.—J. Morgan, J. F. Ball (1951) 4ft. 5ins.
Long Jump.—B. J. Lucas (1948) 15ft. 8½ins.
Shot.—E. Bevan (1951) 44ft. 2ins.
Hop, Step and Jump.—G. Glanville (1950) 30ft. 3ins.

1951 STANDARDS

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
100 yards		No Standards given	
220 yards	28sec.	30sec.	32sec.
440 yards	68sec.	71sec.	—
880 yards	2min. 35sec.	2min. 43sec.	—
1 mile	5min. 20sec.	—	—
Long Jump	15ft.	13ft. 4ins.	12ft.
High Jump	4ft. 6ins.	4ft.	3ft. 6ins.
Javelin	(7ft. 6in. Jav.) 100ft.	(7ft. 2½in. Jav.) 70ft.	—
Discus	(8in. disc.) 80ft.	(7in. disc.) 65ft.	—
Shot	(8lb. 13oz.) 33ft.	(6lb.) 32ft.	(4lb.) 29ft. 6in.
1 mile (handicap)		No Standards given	
Hop, Step and Jump	—	—	25ft.

SCHOOL SPORTS 1951

The 1951 School Athletic Sports were held on the school ground on Wednesday, 9th May. Detailed results are given below: here it is possible to refer only to the outstanding performances.

In Class 3 Shot, a remarkable new record was set up by E. Bevan with a put off of 44ft. 2ins. In Class 2, J. Barnes raised the Discus record, which since 1944 has stood at 82ft., to 111ft. 4ins., and in Class 1, T. W. S. Groome beat the records which he established last year in both the 100 and 220 yards, and W. C. Loring knocked 2.2 secs. off the 440 yards record, which now stands at 55.6 secs.

DETAILED RESULTS

[G=Gray, Ha=Hampden, He=Herschel, M=Milton]

CLASS III

100 Yards [Record (1948): 11.9sec.].—1. D. E. Delaney (Ha.); 2. J. Thompson (M.); 3. J. Alder (He.); 4. T. Driver (Ha.). Time: 13secs.
220 Yards [Record (1949): 27.5sec.].—1. D. E. Delaney (Ha.); 2. G. E. Hull (G.); 3. J. B. Rees (Ha.); 4. C. Symons (G.). Time: 30.8secs.
Standard (32sec.): G. E. Hull (G.); C. Symons (G.); D. E. Delaney (Ha.); I. Little (He.); J. B. Rees (Ha.).
High Jump [Record (1948): 4ft. 4in.].—1. J. Morgan (He.); 2. K. F. Ball (M.); 3. J. Scott-Kiddie (M.); 4. D. E. Delaney (Ha.).
Height: 4ft. 5in. (NEW RECORD). Achieved by both Morgan and Ball.
Standard (3ft. 6in.): D. Daly (G.); G. L. Morgan (G.); E. Webb (G.); C. Symons (G.); H. J. Lewin (G.); D. G. Arthur (Ha.); D. E. Delaney (Ha.); T. Driver (Ha.); M. Hearn (Ha.); B. L. Pitcher (Ha.); J. B. Rees (Ha.); B. Thorpe (Ha.); R. G. Miles (Ha.); P. Blay (Ha.); F. Ballard (He.); J. Morgan (He.); J. Little (He.); A. Young (He.); D. Windle (He.); R. Vaughan (He.); A. F. Webb (He.); J. King (M.); R. Braybrooke (M.); J. G. Thompson (M.); J. Bellinger (M.); J. Scott-Kiddie (M.); S. Hyde (M.); T. H. Fox (M.); D. Millard (M.); M. Deuchar (M.); K. F. Ball (M.); J. Tilbury (M.); P. R. O'Mahoney (M.).
Long Jump [Record (1948): 15ft. 8½in.].—1. J. Little (He.); 2. T. Driver (Ha.); 3. D. Delaney (Ha.). Distance: 13ft. 6½in.
Standard (12ft.): D. E. Delaney (Ha.); T. Driver (Ha.); J. B. Rees (Ha.); J. Morgan (He.); J. Little (He.); R. Braybrooke (M.); J. Bellinger (M.); D. Millard (M.); A. Brookes (G.); D. B. Burton (G.); R. J. Laing (G.); G. L. Morgan (G.); C. Symons (G.); J. Glanville (G.); J. Willis (M.); J. Tilbury (M.); G. E. Hull (G.).

Hop, Step and Jump [Record (1950): 30ft. 3in.].—1. D. E. Delaney (Ha.); 2. A. Young (He.); 3. J. B. Rees (Ha.); 4. A. Memmott (He.). Distance: 28ft. 1½in. Standard (25ft.): D. E. Delaney (Ha.); M. Deuchar (M.); J. B. Rees (Ha.); D. Jones (He.); A. Memmott (He.); A. Young (He.).

Putting the Shot [Record (1947): 38ft. 9in.].—1. E. Bevan (Ha.); 2. D. E. Delaney (Ha.); 3. J. Hobbs (He.); 4. D. Daly (G.). Distance: (43ft. 9½in.) **NEW RECORD**—E. Bevan, 44ft. 2in. in eliminations. Standard (29ft. 6in.): D. E. Delaney (Ha.); E. Bevan (Ha.); J. Hobbs (He.).

Relay.—1. Hampden; 2. Gray; 3. Milton; 4. Herschel. Time: 60.7secs. Winning Team: T. Driver, J. B. Rees, E. Bevan, D. E. Delaney.

CLASS II

100 Yards [Record (1948): 11.6sec.].—1. R. P. Groome (M.); 2. D. Cullimore (G.); 3. M. Hall (M.); 4. B. Ackrell (G.). Time: 12secs.

220 Yards [Record (1948): 25.4sec.].—1. R. P. Groome (M.); 2. J. R. Mansfield (G.); 3. W. Birnage (Ha.); 4. M. Hall (M.). Time: 27secs. Standard (30sec.): B. A. Ackrell (G.); A. S. Painter (G.); J. R. Mansfield (G.); D. J. C. Walton (G.); W. Birnage (Ha.); D. J. Dolphin (Ha.); M. Hall (M.); R. Groome (M.); J. Barnes (M.).

440 Yards [Record (1950): 65.5sec.].—1. W. Birnage (Ha.); 2. R. Groome (M.); 3. A. S. Painter (G.); 4. M. Hall (M.). Time: 62sec. **NEW RECORD**—R. Groome, 61.3sec. Standard (71sec.): B. A. Ackrell (G.); J. R. Mansfield (G.); J. Gale (Ha.); W. Birnage (Ha.); D. J. Dolphin (Ha.); M. Hall (M.); J. Barnes (M.); R. Groome (M.); A. S. Painter (G.).

880 Yards (New Event).—1. W. Birnage (Ha.); 2. J. R. Mansfield (G.); 3. D. J. Dolphin (Ha.); 4. D. Cleveland (G.). Time: 2m. 27.2s. Standard (2min. 43sec.): J. R. Mansfield (G.); J. Gilbert (G.); D. Cleveland (G.); D. J. Dolphin (Ha.); J. Gale (Ha.); W. Birnage (Ha.); M. Hall (M.).

Long Jump [Record (1949): 17ft. 10½in.].—1. D. Cullimore (G.); 2. S. Cutts (M.); 3. A. C. Antill (He.); 4. D. J. Dolphin (Ha.). Distance: 15ft. 11½in. Standard (13ft. 4in.): C. R. Weatherhead (Ha.); W. Birnage (Ha.); R. E. Smith (Ha.); D. J. Dolphin (Ha.); B. H. Hill (M.); A. S. Painter (G.); J. R. Mansfield (G.); D. Cullimore (G.); I. Lewis (G.); M. J. Flynn (G.); P. Anderson (G.); A. C. Antill (He.); S. Cutts (M.); M. Hall (M.); R. Groome (M.).

High Jump [Record (1949): 4ft. 8½in.].—1. D. Cullimore (G.); 2. A. S. Painter (G.); 3. C. R. Weatherhead (Ha.); 4. D. Ludley (Ha.). Height: 4ft. 8in. Standard (4ft. 0in.): A. S. Painter (G.); D. Cullimore (G.); J. Gilbert (G.); M. J. Flynn (G.); C. R. Weatherhead (Ha.); D. Ludley (Ha.); G. Glanville (Ha.); W. Birnage (Ha.); R. Jupp (He.); D. Burdon (He.); D. Pritchard (He.); S. Cutts (M.); B. Hill (M.).

Throwing the Javelin (New Event).—1. R. Franklin (M.); 2. D. Cullimore (G.); 3. A. S. Painter (G.). Distance: 111ft. 1in. Standard (70ft.): M. Hall (M.); R. Franklin (M.); D. Jones (G.); A. S. Painter (G.); D. Cullimore (G.); M. J. Flynn (G.); W. Birnage (Ha.); D. Ludley (Ha.); A. Wellham (Ha.); D. W. Greenhow (He.); A. C. Antill (He.); G. Lake (He.); S. Cutts (M.); J. Barnes (M.); M. Gillham (G.).

Throwing the Discus [Record (1944): 82ft.].—1. J. Barnes (M.); 2. C. Penman (M.); 3. D. Cullimore (G.); 4. R. P. Groome (M.). Distance: 111ft. 4in.—**NEW RECORD**. Standard (65ft.): W. Birnage (Ha.); R. Franklin (M.); J. Barnes (M.); A. S. Painter (G.); D. J. C. Walton (G.); R. Millis (G.); D. Cullimore (G.); J. Gilbert (G.); D. Ludley (Ha.); C. Penman (M.); R. Groome (M.); M. Hall (M.); P. N. Wingrove (He.); D. E. Webb (He.); D. W. Greenhow (He.); G. Lake (He.).

Putting the Shot [Record (1944): 42ft. 4in.].—1. G. Lake (He.); 2. R. Groome (M.); 3. R. Franklin (M.); 4. D. Cullimore (G.). Distance: 41ft. 7in. Standard (32ft.): D. J. Dolphin (Ha.); D. W. Greenhow (He.); G. Lake (He.); D. Ludley (Ha.); R. Greenfield (Ha.); J. Powell (Ha.); R. Franklin (M.); S. Cutts (M.); J. Barnes (M.); C. Penman (M.); B. W. Chase (M.); R. Groome (M.); M. Hall (M.); D. Cullimore (G.).

Relay.—1. Gray; 2. Milton; 3. Hampden; 4. Herschel. Time: 1min. 25.1secs. Winning Team: J. Mansfield, B. A. Ackrell, A. S. Painter, D. Cullimore.

CLASS I

100 Yards [Record (1950): 10.7sec.].—1. T. W. S. Groome (G.); 2. G. Mayor (M.); 3. B. J. Lucas (G.); 4. G. W. Bateman (He.). Time: 10.6secs. **NEW RECORD**—T. W. S. Groome, 10.6secs.

220 Yards [Record (1950): 23.8sec.].—1. T. W. S. Groome (G.); 2. G. Mayor (M.); 3. B. J. Lucas (G.); 4. J. B. Ford (M.). Time: 24.2secs. T. W. S. Groome established a **NEW RECORD** in Semi-Final—23.75secs. Standard (28sec.): T. W. S. Groome (G.); R. E. Faulkner (G.); B. J. Lucas (G.); W. C. Loring (G.); B. Clinch (Ha.); G. W. Bateman (He.); J. B. Ford (M.); G. Mayor (M.); R. Gale (M.).

440 Yards [Record (1950): 57.8sec.].—1. W. C. Loring (G.); 2. G. Mayor (M.); 3. J. B. Ford (M.); 4. R. R. Young (G.). Time: 55.6sec.—**NEW RECORD**. Standard (68sec.): W. C. Loring (G.); R. R. Young (G.); B. Clinch (Ha.); F. Holness (He.); R. D. Jones (He.); R. E. Hammond (He.); V. Whitbread (He.); J. B. Ford (M.); G. Mayor (M.); D. Pomfret (M.).

880 Yards (Robinson Cup) [Record (1949): 2min. 9.5sec.].—1. W. C. Loring (G.); 2. R. W. Willé (G.); 3. P. A. Bailey (M.); 4. R. Antill (G.). Time: 2min. 11.5secs. Standard (2min. 35sec.): W. C. Loring (G.); R. R. Young (G.); R. Antill (G.); R. W. Willé (G.); F. Holness (He.); R. E. Hammond (He.); V. Whitbread (He.); P. A. Bailey (M.); D. Pomfret (M.).

1 Mile [Record (1949): 4min. 50.3secs.].—1. W. C. Loring (G.); 2. R. W. Willé (G.); 3. P. A. Bailey (M.); 4. R. Antill (G.). Time: 5min. 5sec. Standard (5min. 20sec.): W. C. Loring (G.); R. W. Willé (G.); R. R. Young (G.); P. A. Bailey (M.).

Long Jump [Record (1944): 20ft. 10in.].—1. B. J. Lucas (G.); 2. J. B. Ford (M.); 3. R. C. Davey (G.). Distance: 18ft. 9½in. Standard (15ft.): D. Cleveland (Ha.); P. Goodall (Ha.); J. B. Ford (M.); G. Mayor (M.); T. A. Jackson (M.); D. K. Page (Ha.); T. Smith (Ha.); M. Walden (Ha.); R. Day (M.); P. Leech (M.); R. A. Neale (M.); P. A. Bailey (M.); R. E. Faulkner (G.); B. J. Lucas (G.); R. C. Davey (G.); J. C. Godley (G.).

High Jump [Record (1937): 5ft. 6in.].—1. P. Arnold (He.); 2. I. Jones (He.); 3. G. Mayor (M.); R. A. Neale (M.). Height: 5ft. 3in. Standard (4ft. 6in.): D. Greenslade (G.); R. C. Davey (G.); P. Goodall (Ha.); I. Jones (He.); R. Peters (He.); P. Arnold (He.); L. Williams (He.); R. M. Morey (M.); W. C. Loring (G.); J. B. Ford (M.); G. Mayor (M.); R. A. Neale (M.); B. J. Lucas (G.).

Throwing the Javelin [Record (1943): 150ft. 5in.].—1. R. A. Neale (M.); 2. I. Jones (He.); 3. L. Williams (He.); 4. P. Seal (Ha.). Distance: 153ft. 0½in. **NEW RECORD**—R. A. Neale, 153ft. 3½in. in eliminations. Standard (100ft.): I. Jones (He.); R. A. Neale (M.); P. Seal (Ha.); D. Cleveland (Ha.); P. Goodall (Ha.); R. C. Davey (G.); L. Williams (He.); J. B. Ford (M.).

Throwing the Discus [Record (1940): 107ft. 7½ins.].—1. G. Mayor (M.); 2. I. Jones (He.); 3. L. Williams (He.); 4. R. E. Day (M.). Distance: 105ft. 2½ins. Standard (80ft.): I. Jones (He.); L. Williams (He.); J. F. Wallis (He.); H. Wotherspoon (G.); W. C. Loring (G.); R. A. King (Ha.); R. Day (M.); G. Mayor (M.).

Putting the Shot [Record (1943): 50ft. 10in.].—1. L. Williams (He.); 2. I. Jones (He.); 3. R. E. Day (M.); 4. D. Reader (He.). Distance: 41ft. 9in.
Standard (33ft.): M. Walden (Ha.); D. Cleveland (Ha.); P. Goodall (Ha.); L. Williams (He.); G. W. Bateman (He.); D. Reader (He.); I. Jones (He.); R. Day (M.); G. Mayor (M.); R. E. Faulkner (G.); W. C. Loring (G.); R. J. Saul (G.).

Relay.—1. Gray; 2. Milton; 3. Herschel; 4. Hampden. Time: 1min. 54.2secs.
Winning Team: B. Lucas, R. R. Young, R. E. Faulkner, T. W. S. Groome.

Open Event—ONE MILE HANDICAP [Record (1948): 4min. 58.6sec.].—1. M. Firth (G.); 2. D. Cleveland (G.); 3. D. Cullimore (G.); 4. R. W. Willé (G.). Time: 4mins. 58secs.

House Championship (Head Master's Cup).—1. Gray, 169 pts.; 2. Milton, 163 pts.; 3. Hampden, 119 pts.; 4. Herschel, 107 pts.

Individual Championship (Class I) (Johnson Cup).—1. G. Mayor (M.), 16 pts.; 2. W. C. Loring (G.), 15 pts.; 3. I. Jones (He.), 12 pts.; 4. T. W. S. Groome (G.), 10 pts.

Highest Number of Points gained for House (Class II) (Smith Cup).—1. D. Cullimore (G.), 24 pts.; 2. R. P. Groome (M.), 22 pts.; 3. W. Birnage (Ha.), 19 pts.; 4. A. S. Painter (G.), 13 pts.

Highest Number of Points gained for House (Class III) (Steil Cup).—1. D. E. Delaney (Ha.), 26 pts.; 2. J. Little (He.), 8 pts.; 3. J. Morgan (He.), 7 pts.; 4. T. Driver (Ha.), E. Bevan (Ha.), 6 pts.

ATHLETIC COLOURS

Awarded on the result of 1950 Athletics.

Full Colours Re-Awarded.

- T. W. S. Groome.—New Records in School Sports 100 yds. and 220 yds. In District Sports—1st in 220 yds., 2nd in 100 yds. In County Sports—1st in 100 yds., 2nd in 220 yds. In All-England Sports—2nd in 220 yds. by inches.
B. J. Lucas.—Represented Slough & District in Long Jump at County Sports. Represented Bucks in All-England Sports, was 2nd at 20ft. 9½ins., which was 2¼ inches behind the winner.
P. Arnold.—Was 2nd in the County Sports High Jump at 5ft. 4ins., and represented Bucks at the All-England Sports.
W. C. Loring.—2nd in the Senior 440 yds. at the County Sports and represented Bucks at the All-England Sports.
F. Holness.—For outstanding performances in Cross-Country, and representing Slough & District at the County Sports in the 880 yds.
R. E. Faulkner.—For first-class performances for the School until kept out for medical reasons.

Full Colours.

- I. Jones.—Represented Slough & District in Discus and Javelin at County Sports, being 1st and 3rd in these events. Represented Bucks in All-England Sports, being 3rd in the Discus at 120ft. 8ins.
R. A. Neale.—Represented Slough & District in the County Sports in the Javelin. 1st in the event at 135ft. 4ins. Represented Bucks at All-England Sports.
G. Mayor.—2nd in the Discus at the County Sports.
P. A. Seal.—Represented Slough & District at the County Sports in Javelin—4th.
R. Antill.—For Long-Distance running and Cross-Country in the School Team.
J. B. Ford.—Represented Slough & District at the County Sports in 220 yds. and 440 yds.





M. GRIFFITHS, IVA.

SCHOOL VISITS

THE LAKE DISTRICT VISIT

Saturday, March 24th. 32 boys, led by Mr. Portus and Mr. Mills, set off at 8.15 a.m. for Keswick, on Derwentwater, Cumberland, for an educational visit, lasting nine days. At 8.0 p.m. we disembarked at the Brigham County Youth Hostel, Keswick. Dinner was served almost immediately, and the evening was spent in settling in.

Sunday, March 25th. Mr. Portus outlined the day's programme, namely, a walk over Cat Bells, Maiden Moor, Dale Head, and Robinson. Unfortunately, snow commenced to fall as we started, and by the time we were about to ascend Dale Head a regular blizzard held sway. Losing our way, we were forced to descend into Newlands Valley and make our way home.

Monday, March 26th. Grisedale was tackled, but we were treated to another fare of arctic weather, and were forced to give up when less than 100 feet from the summit.

Tuesday, March 27th. Today, with a bright sun and cloudless sky, one unfortunate party descended two pits in Workington. The other party ascended the four peaks of Saddleback.

Wednesday, March 28th. The sun was again in evidence, as we set out to climb Helvellyn. Icy slopes were encountered, especially descending, when we encountered a pack of beagles, who were out presumably looking for the missing climber.

Thursday, March 29th. The second party went down the mines, while the rest climbed Saddleback. After attaining the first peak, bad weather forced them to turn back.

Friday, March 30th. The morning was spent visiting Mr. Joe Relph's sheep farm. We were given a grand exhibition of the art by his three dogs, Fleet (a celebrated film star), Cap, and Laddie. The afternoon was free, and the boys went, and did, where or what they wanted.

Saturday, March 31st. After a night of rain and snow, it was decided to wait and see what transpired, after the arranged trip to Gable had been cancelled. At eleven o'clock, it was decided to walk along the Borrowdale Valley. At this, it recommenced to rain and, after a dreary walk, we returned to the hostel.

Sunday, 1st April. At eight o'clock we boarded the coach for home, amid much heart-rending, and arrived back in Slough at 8.30 p.m. This gave rise to the report in the *Acta Septemdiurna Sexti Junioris* that a party of bearded Russians, with snow on their boots, had passed through Slough.

H. VANDEPEER, LOWER VI.

VISIT TO A COLLIERY (EASTER 1951)

On Tuesday, 27th March, this year, a group of eight seniors, members of the school party staying at Keswick, visited a colliery at Harrington, on the Cumberland coalfield. Owing to difficulty in finding the mine, we arrived just too late to go down with the 9.30 a.m. shift. We were introduced to a deputy, who was to be our guide round the pit. The members of the Lower Sixth present availed themselves of the only three helmets and, equipped with lamps, we stepped rather apprehensively into the narrow cage at the pit head, which dropped at an alarming rate to the bottom of the pit.

Now began a long walk in the darkness, which was interrupted only when our guide shouted for us to step to left or right, in order to avoid one of the lines of trucks which transported the coal to the pit head. After walking about a mile we paused to inspect the engine room from which these trucks were controlled. Another mile and a half's walk brought us to the end of the pit, the actual coal face. Here we saw miners drilling holes for explosives and others operating a fearsome-looking electric cutter, which hewed the coal out from the rock face.

On the return walk we passed through an air-lock into another tunnel. This tunnel was the exit for all the gas-polluted air which had passed round the coal

face. We were glad to get out of this bad air and, after reaching the pit bottom and ascending once more, it was a very grimy and red-eyed party which stepped out of the cage and blinked at the sunshine.

We all had a shower and then said goodbye to our guide, thanking him for what had been a very enjoyable and interesting experience.

T. G. TAYLOR, LOWER VI.

HELVELLYN CONQUERED

The day we ascended Helvellyn was bright, but cool at first. During the night more snow had fallen, so that the peaks, covered with a smooth whiteness, sparkled in the morning sun, whilst the bare green fields were specked with white. The coach sped along, twisting and turning, under the expert control of Jack, until at last we could espy Helvellyn itself. Soon we were on the banks of Thirlmere, a man-made lake which supplies some of the water for the city of Manchester, far away to the south. Now the road was running at the foot of Helvellyn, winding through green pine forests darkening the way.

At Wythburn, the adventurous party alighted. For a while we climbed through snow, with the forest on either side, until we emerged from the trees and turned to admire the view of Thirlmere, flanked on all sides by a wall of snow, capped in turn by the watery blue sky. Zigzagging through the snow, we paused for some time debating whether or not to proceed, as there was a lot of ice on a steep part just ahead. We pushed on, however, surmounting a ridge in front: now there was only a steady climb through snow to the summit. What a sight we were! A crowd of dark blotches of varied and irregular shapes silhouetted against the clear, white mountainside. Nearing the summit we encountered a stiff breeze and found what refuge we could to eat a hard-boiled egg with some bread and butter! Thus nourished we went a few more hundred yards to the top. What a glorious view we had that day from the top of Helvellyn! I shall never forget it. To the east was Ullswater, grey in the distance, and Striding Edge and Swirral Edge—razor-like ridges, impassable in snow. Away to the south-west were Scafell, the highest peak in the Lake District, and Great Gable, amongst the mass of white mountains, gilded by the noonday sun. We had grown a little cold standing about on the top and were ready to descend. It was fairly steep at first, and the snow was very icy, but lower down the ground was marshy, tiny trickles tripping through the grass to join a rocky stream below. We joined a pony track and arrived at the foot of Helvellyn, at Thirlspot, where our coach was waiting to welcome us. We piled in, a little hot, pleased at the achievement of having conquered mighty Helvellyn.

B. C. PEARSON, LOWER VI.

AN AMERICAN LOOKS AT ENGLAND

Leave it to *Punch*, in its Festival issue, to show us what we in this world think of one another. One of its full-page spreads on "Mistaken Views of the British" shows what the average American imagines is the British way of life. The illustration combines a parson having tea on the terrace of a palatial country estate, several half-timbered Tudor houses, a tumbledown castle flying the Union Jack, a full-dress hunt of "ye ol' fox," many dogs, curiously trimmed shrubbery, one of His Majesty's guards, and an approaching rainstorm, into an almost harmonious whole.

After gazing at this masterpiece of humor for a few minutes, Pat and I began to wonder just how many things in this sketch would be in our own picture of British life. Certainly some of the aforementioned will linger long in our memories. Castles (ruined and restored) still hold quite a fascination for us. Just the other evening we were thrilled to see the half-timbered cottages of Boveney and Dorney. And as to dogs—I don't believe we will ever recover from the shock of seeing registers for dogs in hotels. I'm afraid that dogs just haven't achieved that high degree of social acceptance in the States.

Other things, however, which cannot be adequately portrayed in a humorous illustration, have impressed us far more than the castles and the Tudor houses. People here seem to take such a genuine interest in the ordinary tasks of living.

What is "mowing the lawn and trimming the edges" to the reluctant male in America is gardening to the person in England—and gardening is very nearly a science, and most certainly an art, with many principles and methods to be understood and mastered. My colleagues at the Grammar School not only classify themselves politically, as supporting one party or another, but also classify themselves as to whether they are gardeners or whether they are not gardeners. And not only are there techniques to be mastered and sunshine and bodily exercise to be enjoyed in gardening, but also there seems to be something of a kinship with the Divine in the planting and tending of growing things in an English garden. I hope I can achieve a bit of this feeling of all-round satisfaction when I "mow the lawn and trim the hedges" in East Lansing next autumn.

Another thing that will be a part of our conception of the British way of life is the real appreciation which is shown for the struggles, successes and failures of the past. "Why are huge sums of money spent to maintain a cathedral? Couldn't this money be better spent on some useful social enterprise of the present day?" These questions I posed to one of my colleagues. His answer was, "A cathedral is a structure built to the glory of God. People in the distant past gave years of effort, ability and income to build a cathedral. Surely it is sacrilegious to let such an endeavor fall into disuse and ruin."

The very colorful pageantry which goes with a sincere regard for tradition has provided many never-to-be-forgotten thrills for us. The Tattoo at the Edinburgh Festival, Remembrance Day services, the changing of the guard, the inauguration of the Mayor of London, and the opening of the Festival of Britain have given us a wonderful insight into this phase of British life.

Most cartoonists and humorists (those in *Punch* included) satirise the typical Britisher as being extremely cool and reserved—an almost unsociable person who prefers silence to talking. I'm afraid this was one of the preconceived notions which we had at the start of our year here in England. We honestly were a bit afraid that we would encounter considerable difficulty trying to make friends here. Never has there been a prejudice so false! From the very first day, we have been received with a real genuine welcome and spirit of friendliness. In every phase of our living here, we have felt this spirit of genuine regard for others—from those whom we have requested directions in our travels, from fellow motorists on the highways of Britain, and most assuredly from those with whom we come in contact each day.

Agreeing with the spirit of the cartoon in *Punch*, we will certainly have our humorous views of the British and their way of life. More important and more indelible will be these deeper ways of living which we have observed—such as the genuine regard for the daily duties of living, a sincere appreciation for the tradition of those who have lived before us, and a spirit of courteous friendliness which (in our experience) has no equal anywhere else in the world.

RAY BUDDIE.

A SCHOOL ANTHOLOGY A HOLIDAY IN FRANCE

You have probably seen the title to this article, or something like it, before. And you know what's coming. Besides a complete inventory of the places I visited and objects of interest that I saw, I should give, in an article with such a heading, first of all my impressions of France, or of the particular part of France that I visited, and then a sort of enlargement upon these impressions, and so leave my reader edified by my learned and careful dissertation on the educational benefits of foreign travel.

Omitting the list of places and objects, which would inevitably be of little interest to any but myself, I shall start by stating that last year I spent the first fortnight of September at a town called Nîmes, in the south of France. What I shall not say is that by doing so I missed the first three days of the autumn term back at school. Should you desire to know more about Nîmes, look in any encyclopedia, which will furnish you with the fullest information concerning its ancient monuments and well-stocked museums.

The impressions which I received during my stay there I will set down in the order in which they were impressed upon me. First and foremost was the smell of garlic on the trains—indeed, on public transport of any sort. This was my first impression because, on my way there, I had a twelve-hour overnight journey to make by train, and I was accompanied by that smell all the way. The carriage windows were so constructed that it was impossible to open them and stick my head out—a thing which is strictly forbidden in several languages on all French trains—without the other occupants of the compartment almost freezing to death—or so they said in bad, but expressive, French. This journey completed, I come, by a nicely connected sentence, to my second impression. This was the heat. It was, of course, the nearest to the equator that I had ever been, and although it was September, and cooling down a bit, the heat was continually at a level which we experience only in the hottest of heat-waves. It was, I understand, raining all the time in England!

My third impression, and by far the most satisfying one, was the grapes. As a rule, grapes can hardly be called an impression, but I must keep to the rules, and they must be introduced under this title or not at all. If they were an impression they were a forcible one, for I was right in the "Midi" of France (Midi usually means noon, but has somehow got to mean something else in this context). The Midi is, however, famous for its grapes. Most of the available field space is used for cultivating them, and even next to the road, in unfenced fields, the farmers dare to grow them! This greatly surprised me until, on examination, I found that the roadside kind of grape is invariably the smaller, sour variety (of proverbial fame) used in France for making wine. The larger, luscious dessert grapes are grown in more secluded spots—probably as near to the farmer's own front door as possible! Even so, I count myself fortunate to have been there at the height of the grape harvest.

Therefore, in my concluding paragraph, I can say in the conventional way that it proved a most enjoyable holiday. I would urge my readers to go there too, for in my opinion the unfavourable impressions of garlic and excessive heat are more than counterbalanced by the favourable impression of grapes. And, anyway, if the trip does nothing else, it provides an article for the next year's school magazine.

R. A. NEALE, U.VI.

SPRING DAFFODILS

The daff'dils by the glassy lake,
A sight that even kings could see,
A splash of colour on the 'scape,
So wonderful a sight for me.

Dear Lord, I thank Thee for the light,
The sun, the moon, and stars so fair,
The heat of day, the cool of night,
The Spring, sweet Spring, beyond compare.

You daffodils beside the lake,
Each year your wonders never cease,
Dear God of life, our hearts awake
To beauty, joy, friendship, and peace.

J. LITTLE, 3A.

ANCIENT ART

Two or three thousand years ago, in a very large and very ancient city, there lived the family of a middle-class merchant whose name is, unfortunately, unpronounceable by modern lips. The father was fairly rich, but although the possessor of many slaves, had only one rather spoilt child. This child, a boy, was quite young, but of rather uncertain age, since, during his lifetime alone, the seers and prophets of the land had altered the calendar no less than six times. This had to be done as the year was not quite of the right length, and consequently the seasons got rather

out of place if they were not attended to. Nevertheless, the age of the child can be roughly estimated to have been six. He was, besides being young and very spoilt, an exceptionally backward child for his age, and only knew by heart the first three hieroglyphics of the language, which happened to contain about three thousand. His time was spent, not as it should have been, at school learning his irregular verbs and phases of the zodiac, but lounging around the streets watching executions and tortures and wild beast shows, and other forms of the ancient equivalent of the cinema. But, being the apple of his doting parents' eyes, he merely received a mild and fruitless word of correction as a result of his misdeeds.

One evening he was shuffling home down the High Street, dragging his toes in the dust, with his hands in his pockets, and just as he was turning a corner by the sixty-foot solid block of granite which formed one of the base-stones for the lower outer wall of the city temple, a sudden idea struck him (here we begin our story). He hastened home full of this idea, and entered his father's study. "Father," he said (this is a translation of what he actually said), "can I have some plasticine?" He did not say please. It was a ridiculous request, for he knew very well that plasticine had not then been invented—but he was a spoilt child, and a backward one. His father begged his son to repeat the request, which the boy did. On realising what his son was asking, the father did his best to dissuade him from his desire; but the child was selfish and obstinate, and insisted upon having some plasticine. At length the father, in despair as to where to obtain some of the stuff, went to the royal palace and, having crawled on his stomach into the royal presence, put the matter before the king. Being the purveyor of some small and unnecessary article to the king, "by appointment," his claim was heard more or less graciously (the king royally refraining from putting out either of his eyes), and the court prophet was brought in and told to make, or find out how to make, plasticine. This gentleman thereupon fell into a trance. Returning from it some ten seconds later, he proceeded upon an eloquent dissertation on the origin, manufacture and mass-production of plasticine. The king was delighted, and immediately ordered ten tons for his personal use. Our hero's father hastened home with the full instructions scratched on a piece of slate he had taken for the purpose. He next went on a tour of the shops and spent a small fortune on buying the ingredients (even then he couldn't get linseed oil, but had to use olive oil, which isn't so good). At last, after many hours, of patient watching while his slaves did the work and another slave hit them occasionally to make them work harder, some plasticine was produced for the first time in the history of the world. When this rare and wonderful compound was triumphantly presented by the father to his son, the child, with all the perversity of his age, turned up his nose and said, "What unpleasant material!" (or words to that effect). "Come, come," said his father, "I've been to no end of trouble to get this for you; you might at least thank me for it." "Oh, all right," conceded the child, "give it here and I'll try and do something with it."

Some hours later he brought it to his father—a lump of plasticine very little changed from its original shape, but smeared with a few hideous and unmatching colours from his paint-box, and baked hard because he had accidentally dropped it in the fire. "What is it?" said the father. "Your face," replied the son.

Some three thousand years later it was dug up and put in a museum under a glass case, carefully labelled, with a learned note about it by its side. And ever since, with many others of similar nature (according to the handbook: "some possibly the work of the same artist"), it has been gaped at by passing crowds who pretended that they, too, could see in it the subtlety of form and the purity of colouring ("colours the manufacture of which is a lost art") which its discoverers told them that it had.

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of books to be read in conjunction with the foregoing lecture:—

"Ode to a Grecian Urn"—*Keats*;

and any work by a reliable archaeologist concerning the characteristics of the Plasticine Age.

R. A. NEALE, U.VI.

LA PRENSA

The nations of the world are bound by chains,
When freedom of the press, at the command
Of selfish governments, is forbidden; and
Opinions which a man by reasoning obtains
Are not allowed in print, because it pains
The leaders of the state. In the land
Of Argentina, at this time, this hand
That tries to limit freedom reigns.
And thus "La Prensa," having criticised
That country's government, has been suppressed—
Opposite views to those of leaders were expressed.
Why are men's opinions penalised?
When will the world, by power and greed oppressed,
Awake to realise that liberty to think and speak is best?

D. N. BOWERS, L.VI.

AN EXPLANATION OF MODERN POETRY

You may consider that modern verse
is even worse
to read
than the incredible, alarming and indeed
utterly incomprehensible creations of those
who, in the throes
of inspiration, carve stone into hideous shapes, or paint
quaint
pictures
of their own indefinable impressions or conjectures
are to see;
but be
that as it may, you cannot deny the fact
that, while stone must be hacked
with a chisel, and
paint smeared on with the brush or the hand,
all you must do
to compose a poem of modern appearance and new
is to take any sentence on any theme
which may seem
suitable for a little revision
and drastic deviation,
and so divide and revise
until you have chopped it in lines short, medium or long, for under no circumstances
at all may any two be of the same size!

R. A. NEALE, U.VI.

BIRD - WATCHING

I have had a great number of hobbies in my time: I have collected practically everything from stamps to sea-shells, from foreign coins to train numbers. One of the hobbies in which I still indulge whenever I get the free time is bird-watching—which, perhaps, to many people, shows signs of insanity more clearly than any other eccentricity. Nevertheless, I shall try to show that at least it can be very interesting.

The first point is that there are, surprisingly enough, two entirely different ways of going about it. You can be a bird-watcher pure and simple, or an ornithologist. At first sight the two appear to be synonymous, but in fact there is only a very superficial resemblance.

The bird-watcher is very enthusiastic—usually too enthusiastic. He is essentially a collector of the names of birds he has seen, and can become so eager to add new species to his list that he can prove to you in great detail that the House Sparrow that he saw the other day was in fact a Yellow-backed South Mongolian Sea-Shrike (supposing such a bird existed).

The true ornithologist, on the other hand, does not let his enthusiasm run away with him. He puts down what he sees rather than what he persuades himself he can see. He watches birds not only in order to identify them but to discover as much as he can about their habits—what they eat, the types of nests they build, whether they are migratory or not. Where the bird-watcher might go out one January morning, see a new species, open his little book, and discover that this is a Winchat, the ornithologist would read on to discover that the Winchat is in fact a summer visitor. Further investigation would show that the bird in question must be a Stonechat, which is very similar in appearance. Again, the ornithologist notes not only birds that he sees, but birds which are absent; for instance, if he has seen a flock of Lapwings in a certain field every morning for six months, and then one day there are none, he will make a special point of it, and try to discover the reason for this sudden disappearance.

The bird-watcher must necessarily frequent those places where the most varieties of birds are seen—marshes, mud flats, sewage farms, and the like, while the ornithologist can spend months studying sparrows in a back yard. Not that the ornithologist does not go to the localities where bird life is more prolific—far from it. The Middle Thames Natural History Society, which has its headquarters in Slough, has made extensive study of bird life at the Slough and Ham Sewage Farms, where its members have discovered the first known instances for Buckinghamshire of breeding of the Black-headed Gull and the Little Ringer Plover, the latter being rare everywhere in Great Britain. It should be noted that these were reported by competent ornithologists who took great care that their observations were absolutely correct; if they had been reported by some obscure bird-watcher, with no proper confirmation, very little notice would have been taken. There should be no doubt that an ornithologist is primarily a bird-watcher, but, at the same time, he does combine it with bird-studying, which is what makes all the difference between the two types.

If you do want to take up the gentle art of bird-watching, whether from the collector's or the scientist's point of view, then your equipment should consist of a good pair of binoculars, a reliable pocket book on bird identification, a water- and mud-tight pair of rubber boots, and, most important of all, an ability to get up early in the morning.

J. D. KILLIP, LOWER SIXTH.

"BELLA NAPOLI"

Humid marshes, barren mountains, heavy-laden vineyards and rustic donkey carts all formed part of the picture that is the route to Naples, down which my Dutch friend and I were hitch-hiking. We had been fortunate, having succeeded in reaching this colourful Mediterranean seaport within a space of six hours, travelling due south from Rome. The prospect of seeing Naples for myself had always had a strong appeal for me, and now at last I was crossing over the very threshold of the city which had in turn been a Grecian colony (whence it derives its name), a Spanish-ruled kingdom, and a centre of political ferment and nationalism when the rest of Italy was divided amongst the great powers of Europe, during the 19th century.

The threshold had been crossed and, having taken leave of our host's car at the railway station, we beheld a scene of bustling human activity before us. The piazza was animated by a turbulent throng of street vendors, ice-cream carts, workers returning to their homes, sightseers, and frustrated foreigners engaged in settling fees with demonstrative taxicab proprietors.

As the evening was rapidly drawing in, we left the piazza and, encumbered with heavy rucksacs, forced a path along the sidewalk, turning into the small, winding roads and steeply rising alleys that form the greater part of Naples. Here the smell of cooked spaghetti and cheese, garlic, and open sewerage assailed our nostrils. Crowds of barefooted, ragged, dirty *bambini* were playing, running or shouting down the narrow street and passages between the dirty, whitewashed houses. As we passed, they held out their hands in a gesture of begging, chanting as they did so. Small churches were left behind, with their blind, crippled and maimed of all ages extending caps and tins for the passer-by.

With the aid of a street map which my comrade had the forethought to borrow in Rome, we eventually emerged from this dense jungle into a wide thoroughfare which is driven right across the line where the harbour and the slums on the eastern edge of the bay under the shadow of Vesuvius meet. Here we found the Youth Hostel, which is on the sixth floor of a modern neon-lighted and impressive hotel, the Albergo Grilli. This piece of architecture was totally inconsistent with its appalling surroundings, for not a stone's throw away whole families were living in dingy shells of houses, which had either been gutted by fire or shell-blast during the war or had fallen, with age, to rack and ruin, while still more had pitched tarpaulin tents over the rubble on the surface of the harbour front.

We deposited our rucksacs at the hostel and, after paying our fee for two nights' lodging, our feet turned in the direction of the harbour. This harbour shares with Constantinople the honour of being the most beautifully situated in the world, but this fact was hard for us to appreciate, since we had entered Naples by the back door, and not by the sea. Around the gates stood half a dozen khaki-clad *carabinieri* and armed police in grey uniforms. We walked past these without being halted or questioned, and made our way across the railway tracks and under the gigantic steel cranes to the quayside. The water here appeared as though most of the refuse of southern Italy had been tipped in it, so we instinctively withdrew as far as possible from its oil-polluted contents. I had a horrible fear of tripping over some obstacle in my path and thus falling headlong into an ocean of green slime.

Night had fallen as we made our way once more through the back streets in the direction of the hostel. The cafés and restaurants along the sidewalks were filled with small groups of men and women in voluble, hand-flourishing conversation, for most Italians like to congregate in their best clothes after sunset and converse amongst their friends over cups of coffee and glasses of wine. Cutting through the cool night air, we left behind the cafés and their gay illuminations, the side streets with their barrel-organs and soda fountains, and at last reached our lodgings.

Six storeys above street level the whole of Naples was laid out before us like a vast hillside of twinkling lights of all colours. We could clearly discern the harbour, but the vessels it sheltered were hidden from view. We could still hear the barrel-organs, and across the road a five-man band was playing outside a street café; with these sounds still ringing in our ears we went to bed and slept soundly till the following morning.

We awoke the next morning with the sun pouring through the windows, casting patches of dazzling whiteness on the floorboards. Outside in the streets the city was beginning once more its eternal feverish bustle of daily activity, and as yet the sun was only gently smiling on the flagstones of the roads and pavements, which were so soon to become scorching slabs of granite. The morning was spent sightseeing along the Via Roma, a wide street which almost cuts Naples in two and connects the city's fashionable west end to its more squalid and industrial neighbour in the east. Towards noon we quit the Via Roma and, strolling through the narrow, dusty alleys, graded with steps and roofed by an irregular tarpaulin of washing extending from rusty iron balconies overhead, we once more found ourselves at the harbour gates.

The port of Naples was at one time one of the greatest in Europe. Today its main imports are in the form of Marshal Aid, and its main export is its surplus population to the New World. We came across an American tanker moored along the quayside and after a conversation with some of the members of its crew we accepted an invitation to come aboard. Entering the galley we found ourselves face

to face with half a dozen militarily-attired and armed Italians, who were seated at a long table drinking coffee out of mugs and conversing with some of the Americans. However, they turned out to be, not a contingent of Signor Scebba's riot squads, but only firemen. We exchanged experiences with friendly Americans, who, during the course of our conversation, pushed a whole meal in front of us. We washed up in the galley after we had finished, and finally took leave of our American friends with an invitation to return to supper and again clear up after the meal, since the cook's assistant had been taken ill.

It was now high noon and, standing once more on the streets under the blistering heat of the sky, we beheld across the blue expanse of the bay the mediaeval Castel Nuovo, which stood out, glazed in the strong light, like a huge sentinel. Overhead the blue sky canopied the poverty-stricken Italian south and Naples, its capital, which was now sinking into siesta.

M. J. MARTIN, U.V.A.

THE OLD PALUDIANS

Once again the organisation has had a most successful year. The number of subscribing members has risen from 156 to 201. This figure, however, by no means represents the total number who actually take an interest in our activities. It is to be hoped that a further increase in subscriptions will take place in the coming year.

A most gratifying point to note is the increased interest in the Paludians now being shown by the senior boys in school. Some have become regular visitors to our dances, and others are now joining our sports clubs. As a concession, they are admitted to the dances at half the normal charge. If this has the effect of encouraging boys to become members on leaving school, it will be well worth while.

At the moment, we are trying hard to find a piece of land suitable for development as a sports ground. If we are able to buy such a plot and erect a club house, it will materially assist the increase in members. Benefits would be felt in many ways, including better fixtures for the Hockey and Cricket Clubs.

The Junior Club, held on Friday evenings during the Autumn and Spring Terms, has continued to flourish. It is hoped that we shall continue to attract the boys to this activity next term. Our thanks are due to the stalwarts who have kept this club alive, in particular to Seal. He and his friends will doubtless become very staunch Old Paludians. We look forward to seeing all the boys who are leaving this term at our Annual General Meeting on 7th July, for the election of officials, etc. There are always positions available on our Committees for enterprising members.

To conclude, I wish to thank Mr. Clarke for the use of the school buildings and ground for our activities. Without this help, the Old Pals would not have flourished as they have done during the past year.

S. W. JONES (HON. SEC.)

FOOTBALL CLUB

Last season was disappointing, bad weather and injuries affecting the play of both teams.

The First Eleven, rebuilding after last season, finished bottom of their league and were relegated. Their one success was in reaching the semi-finals of the Slough Town Cup, before being unluckily defeated. The season's record was:-

P. 31, W. 11, D. 3, L. 17, Goals for 63, Goals against 97.

Chief goal-scorers were R. Canon 19, E. Hamblett 11, R. Bush and F. Biggs 9 each.

The Second Eleven also finished bottom of the league, but must be commended for their remarkable team spirit. Approximately half of the team each week was

composed of school players, and the spirit in which every game was played, and finished, was a credit to them. Their record was:-

P. 25, W. 2, D. 2, L. 21, Goals for 37, Goals against 141.

Goal-scorers in chief were Jenkins 9, Ford 5, Arnold 4.

A Minor Eleven played in the Berks and Bucks Minor Cup, and reached the second round before losing to the eventual area finalists.

We extend a welcome to any new players for the coming season. Practice commences at the end of July—every Monday at 7.30 p.m. at the School.

H. J. I. BRYANT (HON. SEC.)

HOCKEY CLUB

A Chinese poet of the T'ang dynasty once exclaimed, "Oh, the tears of soldiers streaming down like rain!" We feel the quotation to be singularly apt, when taken in relation to our past season. Tears there may have been, certainly rain in plenty; and, while we prospered where we could, a third of our fixtures were removed from the list by a seemingly irascible and insatiable clerk of the weather. Pitches became a waterlogged green, cunningly concealing the liquid mire which became exposed after ten minutes' play, covering player and hiding ball with equal impartiality. It is, perhaps, unfortunate that our First Eleven is liable to take longer than most teams to settle down after the summer recess, and it was left with the worst of conditions in which to play its best. One match, perhaps, stands out in the mind in that the result was our most pleasant surprise. In beating Imperial College 5-0, the First Eleven showed an enterprise and determination worthy of any cause, thoroughly demoralising the opposition, who had looked for easier meat after a regrettable reversion of the position the previous season. We were blessed with two outstanding players, if one may select two from a team which shone intermittently, but never dimly. P. B. May has now received his County Colours, while P. Ford gave constant support to the County First Eleven.

Our Second Eleven is now a sturdy fact, containing several promising and many enthusiastic players. A 6-2 win to the First Eleven in the inter-team game leaves unsaid the tale of how hard it was to arrive at that score.

We would welcome any new members who feel they wish to continue playing hockey on leaving school. Mr. Collin will put them in touch with the captain of the club.

Results.

	Goals					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
First Eleven	19	16	1	2	75	24
Second Eleven	19	12	3	4	60	35

J. M. MABBOTT (HON. SEC.)

CRICKET CLUB

Season 1950.

The season proved to be most enjoyable. Although the weather seemed to try its hardest to cancel many of our fixtures, of the games played 16 were won, 7 were drawn, and 10 lost. Many of our members finished the season with very commendable averages, both batting and bowling.

Our Annual Dinner Dance was held in October at the Dolphin Hotel. It was attended by 80 guests and members of the Club, and I think that a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Season 1951.

So far this season we have played six games, of which one has been lost and five won. May we take this opportunity of extending our thanks to our President, Mr. E. R. Clarke, for the use of the school ground for practice, and the school for our meetings. We welcome Taylor and Seal, who have joined the club this season, and hope that other members of the School Eleven will follow their lead.

E. J. GRANT (HON. SEC.)